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Ben-Elissar returns home to fight for job

By HILLEL KUTTLER, MICHAL YUDELMAN, and agencies

Ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Elissar returned to Israel last night to fight is for his job, amid persistent rumors that he might be replaced.

During the 24-hour visit, Ben-Elissar is to meet with both Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy to discuss the matter. "He knows there's someone in the Prime Minister's Office who does not want him to be the ambassador," an embassy official said yesterday, adding that Ben-Elissar

takes the reports seriously.

The latest speculation from Jerusalem is that Netanyahu's chief foreign policy adviser Dore Gold is angling for the job. and is the one who has leaked the rumors. During a briefing for reporters in Washington on Friday, Levy, with Ben-Elissar sitting nearby, refused to address questions about the controversy. But in subsequent discussions between the two. Levy agreed that Ben-Elissar should make the trip to Jerusalem now.

Meanwhile, Netanyahu said that the US is interested in aiding the peace process and Israel welcomes its assistance. Netanyahu's spokesman, Shai Bazak,

said the US has no intention of withdrawing from its mediation in the peace process.

These statements were apparently a response to Ambassador Martin Indyk's comment that the Oslo process has fallen apart and it is impossible to make quick repairs to it.

Indyk said the US cannot rebuild the confidence which has been violated between the Israelis and the Palestinians. Netanyahu met yesterday with Indyk after talks with Michigan Governor John

The core bargain of Oslo has broken down, Israel was promised security: the

Palestinians were promised self-government and a credible pathway to negotiating their rights in a final status agreement, Indyk told the US-Israel Chamber of Commerce on Sunday. "Terrorism on the one side and unilateral acts which have created the impression that the final status issues are being preempted on the other have combined to break this trust."

Uri Savir, Foreign Ministry director-general under the previous government and one of the initiators of the Oslo agreement. warned that if the Oslo agreement breaks down, the peace process in the entire region will collapse. He said the peace process can still be saved, if Israel takes

cooperation with the Palestinians, "But cooperation cannot be done by dietates, such as Har Homa and tunnels, and without full cooperation in all fields, Oslo-

will not advance," he said. Former ambassador to the US ltamar Rabinovich said the peace process is coltapsing, and Israel is tosing its preferred position with the US administration. He noted that Israel is no longer on the top of the administration's priority list and the US might reduce its involvement in the region.

Commenting on Indyk's statement that the two enemies of the peace process are Palestinian terrorism and Israel's unilateral

steps. Savir said that in the past both the Americans and the governments of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres regarded terrorism as a common enemy, "Now for the first time the Americans are placing us as parallel in the blame for terrorism. This is an extremely severe statement which should not be taken lightly.

"Israel must start working on reinstating the talks and the government must invest day and night, as the previous one did, in sitting with the Palestinians. There is no other partner, and the alternative is much

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British documents indicate:

million died in Holocaust

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - The number of Jews killed in the Holocaust might have been closer to seven million than six million, according to previously classified World War II intelligence documents released by Britain's Public Record Office yesterday. The documents, which indicate

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> that the Holocaust started much earlier than previously believed. are based on German messages that were intercepted and deciphered at the top-secret British wartime code-breaking facility at Bletchley

The decoding was performed by a machine known as Ultra, whose existence was itself classified until relatively recently. Intelligence produced by the machine is believed to have shortened the length of the war by up to three

The documents released yesterday provide details of the extermination of hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews as early as June 1941, several months before the "Final Solution" is generally believed to have been implemented.

The documents provide horrify-ing early detail of the systematic campaign to destroy European Jewry and are expected to reopen the debate over when the Allied leaders first learned about the destruction of European Jewry. The documents are also liable to again raise questions about why so little was apparently done by the Allies to limit the genocide.

Most of the executions were carried out by German police units, known as Ordnungspolizei, or "Orpo," in conjunction with the SS.

The Germans clearly feared that

the messages might be intercepted and executions were therefore classifted under the euphemisms, "Cleansing Operations" and "Action According to the Usage of showed that victims were described as Jews, Jewish plunderers, Jewish Bolsheviks and Russians soldiers. According to the messages, hundreds of thousands of Jews were rounded up and systematically slaughtered in the months follow-

The British intelligence branch responsible for intercepting wartime German messages has already released a large number of documents, the existence of which were revealed only in the early 1980s, but intercepted messages of the Ordnungspolizei have been retained until now:

ing the German invasion of the

Soviet Union.

It is believed a decision was taken to release them because copies of some documents were unclassified by the US last year, provoking charges of a British

Evidence of the scale of the Holocaust is contained in an appendix of "British Intelligence in the Second World War," the official war history by Professor Sir Harry Hinsley and three co-authors.

According to Hinsley, the British code-breaking teams reported ref-erences to Dachau, Buchenwald, Auschwitz and seven other concentration camps from the spring of 1942 to February 1943.



Crew members of the Dvora-class patrol boat pose yesterday in Haifa after their successful mis-

Suicide attack on boat fails

A suicide bomber's attempt to destroy an Israel Navy gunboat off the coast of south Lebanon failed yesterday morning, apparently when the attacker detonated his explosives-laden boat prematurely.

PM blames PA for stalemate, Page 2

There were no casualties among the crew of the Dvora-class patrol boat in the incident, for which the Amal Shi'ite movement claimed

responsibility. Initially it was reported that the navy crewmen had spotted a Lebanese fishing boat coming toward them and opened fire after it failed to heed warning signals. The

boat exploded and sank. Subsequent reports, however, indicated that the incident was an attempted suicide attack, whose perpetrator blew up his fishing boat prematurely, after the crew of the patrol boat began to take precautionary measures, but before they

The Dvora class is used for coastal patrol work, because of its speed and maneuverability, which give it excellent interception capabilities, while enabling it to take quick evasive action if necessary. The gunboat was on routine patrol

some two kilometers off the Lebanese coast at about 5:30 a.m., when the crew spotted the fishing boat with one person aboard. In accordance with standing orders, they signalled the boat to stop, but it kept on coming. The

gunboat reportedly approached to within a safe distance of the fishing vessel, at which point the suicide bomber apparently blew himself up. There was no damage to the gunboat or the crew, despite Amai's claim that it was destroyed. Lebanese television stations last

night screened a video film purportedly showing the explosion. According to some reports, the fishing boat was loaded with up to 100 kg. of explosives and it blew up about 500 meters from the patrol

The IDF Spokesman announced last night that an inquiry into the action had been completed and that OC Navy Adm. Alex Tal praised the atertness and actions of the patrol

It was not clear initially whether the fishing boat had intended to infiltrate Israeli waters and carry out an attack here, or whether the aim from the outset had been to try to blow up a patrol boat

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Mother strangles daughter, hangs self

By RAINE MARCUS

A mother of six apparently killed her autistic daughter and then hanged herself in the stairwell of the family's Bat Yant home vesterday.

A neighbor found the body of Almalito Mahari, 53, in the stairwell of the Rehov Dalia building at around 6 a.m. She banged on the wor of the family's apartment and woke the occupants, one of whom found the body of 11 year-old Ruth Mahari lying in her mother's bedroom, a piece of cloth tied around

Police and Magen David Adom personnel were summoned to the Amidar quarter apartment and an MDA doctor pronounced mother and daughter dead. A police pathologist estimated the apparent murder and suicide took place at around 4

Relatives blamed the municipal social services department for threatening to take Ruth away from



her mother, because they said she could not cope with her daughter's problems.

They [the social services] wanted to take Ruth away from us," said

family member Yael. But this was denied by social services representative Rachel Vidal, who told Army Radio yesterday there were no plans to remove the

autistic child from her home. "There was no reason for the family to think such things, and we had no such plans," said Vidal. "It's true that the mother had difficulties with her - she had to look after her 24 hours a day because of her special

"We helped the family - not just with the child, but with other things, too - because the mother did not speak Hebrew well, since the family immigrated from Ethiopia and had

difficulty adjusting."
But, added Vidal, there were no signs of distress from the family that would warrant taking Ruth from her

Neighbors said that although they knew the mother was unemployed and had financial problems, there was no indication she was distressed or was about to do something drastic. Police are investigating.

BACKGROUND

Defeating the enemy at sea

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Israel's enemies have tried everything from speed boats and water scooters, to kayaks, frogmen and now explosives-laden fishing craft to break through the iron curtain the Israel Navy has drawn across the northern coast, but it has been nearly seven years since they have suc-

ceeded. One of the main factors is the speedy Dvora-class gunboats, which keep a 24-hour vigil along the

coast. The Dvora is capable of reaching 40 knots, and is equipped with depth charges, torpedoes, and advanced radar. Some are being fitted with a remote-controlled deck cannon system, called Typhoon, which is capable of locking onto targets, day or night, in all weather

Yesterday's attempted attack by Amal was the first in three years. On July 11, 1994, a pair of terrorists tried to swim to the northern coast. They were detected at night on radar

by a patrolling Dvora gunship and killed. It was not known to which group the two belonged; it was the sixth such attempt since 1987.

One of the most spectacular attempted infiltrations occurred on October 9, 1993, when a terrorist of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine tried to run the navy's gauntiet on a water scooter. He was cut down by patrol boat just north of Rosh Hanikra.

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Soccer star Ronnen Harazi arrested on tax evasion charges

By RAINE MARCUS and ORI LEWIS

Israel and Betar Jerusalem soccer star Ronnen Harazi was arrested on suspicion of tax evasion and then released on bail by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. Harazi

denied the allegations. Harazi is suspected of defrauding income tax authorities out of hundreds of thousands of shekels in

According to tax investigators, Harazi failed to declare bonuses he received from Betar, the new National League champions, and is alleged also to have purchased an apartment in Jerusalem with money owed to the taxman.

He also allegedly failed to declare that Betar rented an apartment and a Betar also allegedly financed his

wedding and bought him a car, with-out Harazi declaring this to tax authorities, who said the investigation is still in its early stages and that other arrests can be expected. Harazi was released on a personal

bond of NIS 1 million and a NIS 200,000 bank guarantee. He was also banned from leaving the country for the next 180 days.

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NEWS

PM: Palestinians are to blame for impasse

BY LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday blamed the Palestinians for the stalemate in the peace process, saying they are flagrantly violating the Oslo Accords and trying to deliberately deepen the crisis in the belief it will serve their interests.

He repeated this message before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in the morning, in his opening address to the Knesset plenum in the afternoon, at the start of the summer session, and in talks with reporters.

He said the government would act to renew the talks with Syria. but would not accept dictates. It would also act to strengthen the peace with Jordan and Egypt, Netanyahu said.

"I think the US is a welcome partner in the quest for peace, and I think it has been and always will be extremely valuable. As far as the US position that it's up to the parties to resolve the issues, they're absolutely right," he said.

"If there is no forthcoming [move] on the part of the Palestinians to keep the agreement - that is to fight terrorism and to follow through on the other conditions of Oslo - it will be very hard to proceed.

"We have kept the provisions in Hebron, in the release of women prisoners, in the transfer of funds, and other provisions that we have adhered to scrupulously, even though they were very difficult for us. At the same time, we didn't see such a concomitant fulfillment of the agreement.

The Palestinian Authority has not rescinded the Palestinian Charter calling for our destruction. It has not fought terrorism. It has not stopped the incitement against Israel. It has not done all these and other things. And we expect both sides to do what we're doing, that is to fulfill

By LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday

rejected a call by Internal Security Minister Avigdor

Kahalani (Third Way) for a unilateral IDF withdraw-

al from south Lebanon, saying it would bring terror

Netanyahu, who was speaking to reporters after the

Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee,

recalled that the Hizbullah secretary-general said the

problem isn't Lebanon, but every inch of Palestine.

Therefore we could find ourselves with direct firing

However, MK Yossi Beilin, who is competing for

the Labor Party leadership, praised Kahalani's

courage "for saying what other members of the

coalition are thinking." He said the soldiers' pres-

best prescription for restoring trust and getting the process [going]," he said.

On the murder of the two land Netanyahu reporters: "I think this is a horrible development. 1 think it is ghastly - monstrous - to issue a law which says anyone who sells land to Jews should be executed. [Imagine] what would happen if Israel passed a law saying that anyone who sells land to Arabs will be executed. This would be immediately and universally condemned as a racist law, a Nazi law, a Nuremberg law. And right-

"It is unacceptable wherever it comes from. But what is worse is not only that these laws are propagated, but that they appear to be followed through, as [shown] in the recent murder of two innocent people apparently at the hand of the Palestinian Authority. It's absolutely unacceptable, unacceptable in human terms. unacceptable in peace terms, and we insist this practice be stopped and immediately.

Netanyahu dismissed suggestions that Israel stop building over the Green Line, saying sarcastically: "I can't believe somebody would seriously suggest stopping building in the communities. Will building be stopped in Kalkilya? Ramallah? Jeoin? If I proposed stopping building in Ramallah, would it be accepted? Of course not. So to suggest it in relation to Ariel, Beit El, or Shilo is unreasonable.

According to an official hriefing, Netanyahu told the committee the peace process has stopped since the Tel Aviv cafe bombing in March and the failed attacks in Gush Katif. He warned of a "strong response" if terror acts are resumed

In both the plenum and the committee meeting, he said the Palestinians are beginning to realize that his government will not give in to their demands if agreements. I think this is the they do not abide by the Oslo That's the side we're on."

Netanyahu blasts call by

Kahalani for Lebanon pullout

uoderstanding.

ble and impractical."

He said the Palestinians are interested not only in sustaining the crisis, but also in deepening it through terror, playing on the domestic divisions in Israel to create more pressure on the gov-ernment, and in the international

But Netanyahu also said that sooner or later there would be progress in the process because the Palestinians would understand there is no alternative to direct talks. He repeated his preference for proceeding directly to final status talks, while stressing Israel will stand firm on not returning to the 1967 borders. maintaining essential security zones, and preserving the holy

On Lebanon, he told the committee there are signs that the Syrians have been restricting Hizbullah, but he could not say this is a signal of their serious intent to resume the peace

Netanyahu's plenum address called for unity, but attacked the opposition. "I suggest you turn just some of your barbed criticism towards the PA, so as not to give it the false illusion that it is exempt from making an effort... and only the Israeli government is responsible for carrying the weight of the fate of the peace process... Automatically mobilizing against the government and automatically standing behind the Palestinians only helps retard the peace process.

Labor leader Shimon Peres returned fire; "There is no stalemate, there is a dynamic deterioration.

He said there is only a process of argument both at home and abroad: "Argument, dispute. hatred, division, and a lack of hope. How dare you stand here in the plenum and sing a serenade to unity? You tell us we stand behind the PA. We stand behind our children. We dnn't want war.

ence in Lebanon is "foolish and no longer effec-tive" and building a fence and deploying IDF sol-

diers south of it would secure the North if the gov-

emment decides to pull out of Lebanon either with-

in the framework of a formal arrangement or by an

leadership and a former IDF commander in south

Lebanon, called Beilin's stand "defeatist, irresponsi-

During the Labor faction meeting in the Knesset, an

argument broke out between Beilin and Sneh over

eral pullback. "Hizbullah will coter the vacuum that

would be created as a result of the IDF's leaving."

said Such. "And then the IDF will be forced to return

in greater force at a cost of much more bloodshed."

Beilin's intention to submit a bill calling for a unilat-

another candidate for the Lapor





Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Labor Party leader Shimon Peres addressing the Knesset yesterday.

Yossi Olmert: PM has a severe credibility problem

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Dr. Yossi Olmert yesterday slammed Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, whom he said promised him the post of ambassador to the United ter has "a definite and ongoing credibility problem."

Olmert, who had accused Netanyahu of reneging on his promise on Channel 2 last Friday, was incensed yesterday by a comment from the Prime Minister's Office that, after his attack on Netanyahu, be had lost bis chance at the 100.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office were quoted in yesterday's Yediot Aharonot as saying that Netanyahu spoke to Olmert about the possibility of appointing him to the UN, but the issue was not finalized. The sources said Netanyahu was furinus with Olmert following his TV interview, and his chances of being Likudnik, elected to the Likud's

Nevertheless, the navy has

recently increased patrols off the

Lebanese coast, following reports

that terrorist organizations have

acquired various craft in the past

The last sea-borne infiltration

attempt, using a water scooter, was

in 1993. The attempt was thwarted.

attempts may be mounted, despite

the navy's efforts to seal off the

coast and that the possibility of

future attacks against patrol boats

Reports from Lebanon said the

incident occurred off Mansouri,

northwest of Naknura, and that

afterward Israel Navy gunboats detained a number of local fisher-

There were also reports of a road-

side bomb exploding harmlessly on the coastal road between Mansouri

and Tyre. Hizbullah issued a state-

ment accusing Israel of planting the

Hizbullah, meanwhile, claimed

yesterday afternoon. There were no

cannot be ruled out.

Military sources believe other

attempt

few years.

appointed now are nearly zero. Olmert told Israel Radio the Prime Minister's Office comment was "so absurd that it insults the intelligence." He stressed that he had only talked to Channel 2 after it was made clear to him that Nations, for breaking his Netanyahu had decided on some-promise. He said the prime minis- one else for the UN post, and that one else for the UN post, and that diplomatic reporters were advised of this 10 days ago.

If Netanyahu wanted to appoint me, why hadn't be done so over the past nine months?" Olmert said. "Instead, he appointed someone else. Which indicates his lack of credibility. This problem keeps recurring in the form of broken promises, not only to me but to many other people, mainly about appointments, and we will hear of many more such

cases in the future." He also said that "this is a builtin problem, not some personal whim. It's not the hostile media or left-wingers saying these things, but me, Olmert, a

Knesset list. A promise to me was broken.*

Olmert said promised him the post in August, after explaining to him its significance and hinting "look where the man who once sat in that seat is today."He noted the promise was explicit and clear, subject only to the agreement of Foreign Minister David Levy, which was given in December.

He noted he was to be interviewed by Channel 2 the previous Friday, but the Netanyahu's people asked him that afternoon to refrain from doing so.

'Everything is all right [with your appointment] they said. 'There's no problem. You'll be hearing from us immediately." This was after the briefing [to the reporters about another man being appointed]" Olmert said. "I didn't hear anything from them, and that's why I said what I said. As far as I'm concerned, the UN issue is buried."

Olmert, who narrowly missed

getting into the Knesset due to the Likud's agreements with Gesher and Tsomet, said that he got onto the Knesset list even though the party apparatus was working against bim. After that he was intensively active in the election campaign.

"But it seems that if you're not 1000 percent identified with Netanyahu, you're considered 1000% against him, which limits the choice of candidates for senior positions to a minimum,

he said. He added that while he is not angry, "there is also a buman aspect. One has a family, a wife, daughters, and for a whole year you're waiting to hear whether you're moving [to the US]. They keep telling you one more week, and one more week, and then they renege on the promise."

Olmert said the affair of the UN ambassador is not over, and said he would "tell all, in detail," once the other man's appointment is

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on the North," he said.

Three years earlier, in June 1990. a small fleet of Dvora-class gunships spent three days tracking down a speedboat trying to break past them into Israel. The terrorist boat was intercepted and sunk; the attackers killed.

That attack came just one month after the dramatic failure by the

navy to stop two terrorist speedboats from landing at Nitzanim and Ga'ash beaches on Shavuot. They were part of an attempt by Abu Abbas's Palestine Liberation Front to send six boats containing 16 terrorists to carry out an attack on Tel Aviv. While the two boats succeeded in reaching the coast, they were pinned down by helicopter and land forces, which killed four and captured the rest. That attack led to the break in dialogue between the

United States and the PLO.

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In April 1988, a Dvora sunk a rubber dinghy that was trying to ram it and in February of that year two terrorists trying to sneak into Israel in a kayak were spotted and In December 1987, Palestinian terrorists attacked a Dvora off the coast of Sidon, shooting RPGs and

automatic weapons at the boat. Ensign Amit Sela was killed in the clash, as were all four terrorists. In February 1987, the navy intercepted a ship named Mario Air and

captured 50 terrorists making their way to Lebanon. In April 1979, four terrorists landed by boat on the Nahariya beach and attacked an apartment house, killing a father and his two daugh-

ters and a policeman. It has been nearly 20 years since the infamous Coastal Road mas-sacre of March 1978, in which II Palestinian terrorists landed by sea and commandeered a bus. It was eventually stormed by troops in a botched rescue operation that left 21 Israelis dead, as well as all of the

terrorists. Three years prior to this attack, Fatah terrorists landed in dinghies launched from a freighter off Tel Aviv and killed eight Israelis and three soldiers during a hostage-taking attempt at the Savoy Hotel.

ARRIVALS

Arrivals for the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University. From Brazil: Amanda & Henry Schol, Mir-iam Tawil. From The United States: Dr. Mal-

POBERT H. AND Joan Amow, Dr. Thomas E.J. de Witt and Margaret E. Ward, U.S.A. for the 27th Board of Governors meeting

ka & Dr. Aron A. Moscona, Rena & Norman responsibility for a mortar attack against IDF troops on patrol in the western sector of the security zone

CORRECTION

Zvi Ben-Ari was remanded yesterday for 10 days by Petah Tikva Magistrate's Court on suspicion of murder and conspiracy to commit murder, and not as reported yesterday.

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Amal, in its statement, said the This could cause problems for the attack had been carried out by one national team, as Harazi was due to of its martyrs in retaliation for play in the World Cup qualifying Israel's ongoing blockade of south match with Russia in Moscow on Lebanese ports, which prevents June 8. The team is due to leave on fishermeo from earning their liveli-June 4 and if the tax authorities do hoods, as well as breaches of the not relent, Harazi will not be able to Grapes of Wrath understandings. join his teammates.

Amal, a moderate and secular Betar chairman Moshe Dadash rival of Hizbullah, has been relawas questioned yesterday, and the tively inactive lately. Suicide operatax authorities have announced that tions by Ama) are considered other Betar officials and players unusual, especially a sea-borne may be called in for questioning.

Harazi told Channel 1's Mabar news last night that the whole matter is a big misunderstanding and that Betar Jerusalem is responsible for paying his taxes.

They have to pay the tax bill... and I expect the club to stand behind me in these difficult hours," he said. "I passed on all the papers to my accountant and let him deal with these matters."

Betar manager Avraham Levy admitted earlier to Israel Radio that Harazi's contract does make the club responsible for paying his tax bill, although he suggested that Harazi may not have filled in all the paperwork.

Betar and Harazi have a contract and we will pay every shekel which is owed to the income tax authorities. Harazi can rest assured he will not suffer at all," Levy said.

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In an interview with Israel Radio, Rabinovich said the Americans are demonstrating their dissatisfaction with the situation and with Israel in every possible way, from the treat-ment of the "Mega" affair to meetings with Israeli leaders, which are

no longer automatic. Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat blamed what he called the lack of American pres-

the peace process. Asked to comment on Indyk's remark that the "core bargain" of Oslo had broken down, Arafat told reporters in Gaza: "Because there is no American pressure to save the

sure on Israel for the breakdown in

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WJRO report critical of Polish restitution law

By DAVID HARRIS

The recently passed Polish law on Jewish communal property seized during the Holocaust "legitimizes, facilitates, and sustains the great Nazi plunder of Jewish public property," according to a confidential report sent to the Polish government by the World Jewish Restitution Organization (WJRO) and the World Federation of Polish Jews

The act, ratified by the president three weeks ago, aims to regulate the legal standing of Jewish communities in the country.

Last night, a senior figure in the Polish Jewish community said he was disturbed by the attitude of the WJRO and called for cooperation rather than disharmony.

Despite four years of negotiations with a government that has changed three times, the WJRO and WFPI believe the act serves to obstruct rather than aid restitution, according to WIRO vice chairman Naphtali Lavie.

The report, which analyzes the act section by section, was writteo by lawyer Arye Edelist, former Supreme Court justice Moshe Bejski, and retired status to the WJRO and others

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District Court president judge through the creation of a Polish Moshe Nacht, all of whom are of foundation to deal with the issue, Polish origin.

The document, sent to Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, Prime Minister Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, and Interior Minister Leszek Miller, itemizes the clauses that its anthors think effectively prevent world Jewry from staking a claim

to the property: The act only grants title to properties currently in their possession. This grants the remaining nine Jewish communities from a pre-war 1,500 rights of ownership of a tiny

fraccion of Jewish property.

The act deals with real estate, not movable property or other rights.

The act prevents claims on

property now in the hands of third parties, in other words not held by the government. This provision practically precludes all restitu-· The act fails to grant any sub-

stantive ownership rights to Jewish communal and public

· The act forbids the expropriation of cemeteries. The act appears to grant legal but grants no rights to the founda-

The WJRO believes it is wrong that the nine surviving communities, 1,460 people, be allowed to stake claims to the communal property of 1,500 communities or 3,500,000 pre-war Jews.

However, that argument was rejected by Stanislaw Krajewski, a member of the board of the Union of Jewish Communities in Poland. "Are you suggesting the WRIO has a stronger claim to the property than we do?" he asked. "We are very unhappy that they are trying to ignore the community."

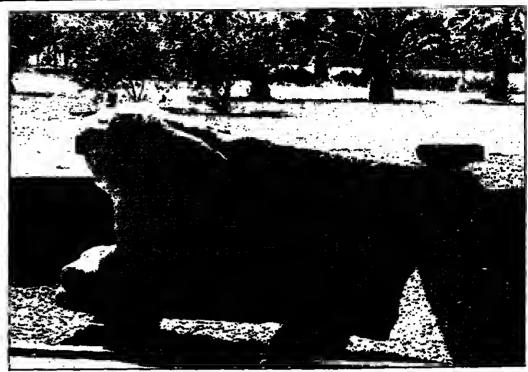
Krajewski also pointed out that in a unique move in Eastern Europe, the Polish government included the WJRO by oame in the legislation. The WIRO is an important partner," he said. "Bnt the three, including the Jewish community [and the government], must work together."

No one was available for comment at the Polish Embassy in Tel Aviv yesterday. However, writing in The Jerusalem Post a month ago, embassy press counselor Zbigniew Szumielewicz defended his government's actions.

"It is not true that the legislation would compensate only a minus-cule remnant of Polish Jewry in only nine Polish cities. Firstly, it is not a law dealing with compensation but with restitution of property of religious communities only. Secondly, the law enables proper organizations and institutions to set up a foundation which will be legally anthorized to take care of the property. Both WJRO and the World Federation of Polish Jews may become partners in the foun-dation provided it is deemed appro-

"It is also untrue that the legislation takes into account only nine cities in Poland where contemporary Jewish religious communities have been established. Activities of the foundation will cover the whole territory of Poland, with the bope that it will support active people willing to contribute to the communities of Bialystok, Lublin,

"However, implementation of the law depends on both sides, on understanding the essence of friendly Polish-Jewish relations, of using the language of coopera-tion and dialogue which has been the aim of the Polish legislators."



A life-size statue of a lion from around the 15th century BCE was found Sunday at Tel Hazor by a team headed by Hebrew University's Prof. Amnon Ben-Tor. The one-ton basalt sculpture is identical to one found at the site 40 years ago by Yigael Yadin and may have decorated the entrance to a Canaanite temple.

Claims on Polish accounts in Swiss banks must be addressed to Warsaw

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Individuals who want to pursue claims against the Polish government regarding dormant accounts in Swiss banks that belonged to Holocaust victims are now being asked to apply to Warsaw directly rather than to the Polish Embassy

On April 7, The Jerusalem Post reported that the Polish government had agreed to return funds from dormant Jewish accounts in Swiss banks which had belonged to Polish citizens who died in the

Holocaust, attributing the infor-mation to the Polish Embassy in the US.

Based on published accounts, 53 Poles had such accounts in Swiss banks in 1939. The article included a list of those holding such accouots, and instructions saying inquiries should be sent to the Polish Emhassy in Tel

However, one applicant sent the Post a copy of a letter he received from Karol Drozd, Counsellor and Minister Plenipotentiary in the Polish Embassy. The letter, dated

May 7, said that the consular section of the embassy had informed him that "all inquiries concerning dormant Jewish accounts in Swiss banks that belonged to people listed in the article published by The Jerusalem Post on April 7 1997. should be sent to the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Poland,"

Drozd then provided the address: Mr. Jan Ciszewski, Director of the International Cooperation & European Law Department, Ministry of Justice. Al. Ujazdowskie 11, 00-950,

AT THE KNESSET

PM mum on Ne'eman

By LIAT COLLINS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday that former justice minister Ya'acov Ne'eman had informed him he is taking a vacation and any decision regarding his return to the government would be taken after that. Netanyahu said he refuses "to deal in speculation" on the subject. He also coted there are still High Court appeals pending which could affect the decision. Netanyahu met yesterday with Justice Minister Trahi Haneghi, but details of their discussion were not disclosed.

Survivors may deposit reparations abroad The Bank of Israel has agreed to allow Holocaust survivors who receive compensation from Germany to deposit the money in foreign banks because of the low interest in local banks. The proposal came from Avraham Herschson (Likod), who chairs the Knesset sub-committee on restitution of Jewish property.

World war II veterans cited The Knesset paid tribute to the Jewish veterans who

fought the Nazis in World War II. At the opening of the summer session, Speaker Dan Tichon praised the fighters as representatives sat in the visitors' gallery. The idea of marking the veteran's contribution was the initiative of Yuri Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya).

MKs, staffers get lung tests

As part of its ongoing efforts to get MKs to quit smoking, the Knesset held a marathon campaign testing the lungs of 142 parliamentarians, their aides, and other Knesset staff. The campaign, the initiative of Knesset physician Dr. Yitzhak Lipshitz, was held in conjunction with Beilinson Hospital's lung unit.

Levy warns of welfare problems Maxim Levy (Gesher), chairman of the Labor and Social Affairs Committee, warned yesterday that the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry is finding it difficult to cope with welfare problems around the country. Ministry Director-General Yigael Ben-Shalom and Levy agreed to continue community services for the elderly despite the severe budget

Freij resigns as Bethlehem mayor, PA tourism minister

By JON IMMANUEL

Elias Freij, mayor of Bethlehem since 1972 and minister of tourism in the Palestinian Authority since 1994, has resigned both positions, saying he is tired of his jobs and wants to spend time writing.

In a terse two-line resignation letter to PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, Freij wrote, "I bereby hand in my resignation as mayor of Bethlehem and minister of tourism." He said Arafat has not yet responded, but the decision is already effective as far as he is concerned and he has not gone to work in his municipal office this Freij. week. He gave no explanation for

his decision. Freij, 80, was the only elected Palestinian mayor who was not minister in the PA indicated that he

eventually deposed by the Israeli military authorities for pro-PLO leanings. He was also the only non-PLO mayor who remained in office after the PA took office.

He was considered pro-Jordan a leading moderate who met frequently with both Labor and Likud leaders. When he counselled opening peace talks with Israel during the intifada, Arafat in Tunis threatened a "a bullet in the chest" to anyone who undermined the exclusive authority of the PLO, a threat which was widely assumed to have been directed at

Freij said there were no political reasons for his resignation and retirement, and his appointment as

had made his peace with Arafat. "I have been a member of the Bethlehem council since 1946 and I have been carrying many melons on my shoulders."

He was considered pro-Jordan A large part of his role as until the Oslo agreements and was Bethlehem's mayor involved exploiting his international contacts to encourage Christian tourism to the city. The two jobs were so closely linked that Freij decided to resign as minister as

> He bas been treated at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital during the past two years for a heart condition, but said health was not the reason for his resignation. "I am completely healthy," he

> Freij's replacements in both jobs will be picked by Arafat.

Health Ministry to study problem of drug sales on Internet

Incoming Russian Ambassador Mikhail Bogdanov (right) is welcomed to the Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem yesterday by

By JUDY SIEGEL

Director-General Eytan Bentsur.

The Health Ministry will put the subject of uncontrolled and dangerous sales of prescrip-tion medications via the Internet on the agenda of its new Internet steering committee. Ministry deputy director-general for informa-tion and international affairs Yair Amikam

agreed to do this after receiving queries from The Jerusalem Post about the potential of the global computer system for bringing in medications without supervision. Amikam said the ministry's decision to

establish an Internet steering committee was made last week by associate director-general Dr. Boaz Lev, with the intention of disseminating ministry information on health to the general public via the Internet.

The World Health Organization's annual general assembly, which met in Geneva over the past two weeks, passed a resolution last Monday urging a global fight against the sale of drugs via the Internet. Amikam was a member of the ministry's delegation, but he said it was impossible for him to attend all committee and plenary sessions at the massive gathering, thus he was unaware of this specific issue.

Internet could become a medium for the promotion and sales of unauthorized drugs, leading to consumer misuse, abuse, and public health risks. It called oo member states to boost cooperation among pharmaceutical companies. police authorities, and the business community

to control on-line sales of medications. The WHO's director of drug safety, Martign ten Ham, said in Geneva that his office had found four companies selling prescription drugs over the Internet without providing detailed information. Among them were drugs for acne that can cause birth defects if pregnant women take them, toxic chemotherapy drugs, and "morning-after pills" for causing abortions after unprotected sex.

Some Israelis have claimed they ordered via the Internet melatonin and DHEA, two hormones which are widely consumed without a prescription in the US despite concerns about long-term health risks. The first can be sold only by prescription here, and marketing the second is prohibited.

Ten Ham, a Dutch physician, said quality assurance of drugs sold over the Internet is oot thousands of packages that arrive from abroad guaranteed, and that there is a risk that useless

The WHO said in a statement that it fears the counterfeit medicines could be sold. Even narcotics could be sold in this way, he warned. However, since laws and regulations differ

from country to country and the Internet is

impossible to monitor, dealing with the problem is very difficult. Howard Reiss, head of the Israel Pharmacists Association, said such illicit purchases are "not yet a major problem here, but are likely to be. It's high time that the government examines the matter to prevent future abuse, instead of just putting out fires."

Reiss said his own pharmacy often imports medications by mail, and some are sent directly to him, unmarked, without the authorities asking questions. Although it's impossible to force pharmaceutical companies to declare mailed medications as drugs for customs examination, they should confiscate all unmarked medication packages they find in sample examinations and inform the senders, in writing, that if they do this again, none of

their goods will get through," Reiss added. Customs Amhority spokeswoman Idit Lev-Ezrahia said it cannot examine every one of the

each day.

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Conversion classes for immigrants to be expanded

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

A new program designed to expand the existing network of conversion classes for new immigrants will soon be launched, Minister Absorption

Edelstein said yesterday. Edelstein, reviewing his first year in office, said the new arrangement would lead to the creation of more conversion classes in areas where the immigrants live. A minimum of 20 immigrants are needed to start a class.

He said the agreement would also allow those completing such classes to be brought before rabbinic courts as quickly as possible. and would guarantee that the cost of the process would be limited to \$100, excluding books. Ethiopian immigrants would not have to pay

Edelstein said he hopes that it would only take "weeks" for those completing the classes to appear before a rabbinic court. More rabbinic courts will be created if nec-

essary, he said. "In the past, immigrants were given the runaround before they were placed in a conversion class. I hope this will no longer happen."

Edelsiein said. The plan was worked out between the Absorption Ministry, the Religious Affairs Ministry, the Education Ministry, the Chief Rabbinate, and the Jewish Agency. Each body will be responsible for its own part in the overall program, Edelstein said.

There are tens of thousands of immigrants who need to undergo conversion: I estimate that thousands will choose this path in the very near future," Edelsleio said.

Asked how the immigrants, many of them non-observant, would comply with the demand by the rabbis that they maintain an observant lifestyle in order to convert. Edelslein said: "There is another side [in this matter] which I need to include; the only address I have in this country, which can solve this problem - the Chief

"I sat with them, the director-general sat with them, officials in Yisrael Ba'aliya - [Natan] Sharansky and others - sat with them and presented the problems to them. We asked them if there is a way to solve them. At first they said no. Then we made progress and said yes, there is a way... I know they intend to solve the problem."

There are only several hundred immigrants currently waiting to undergo conversion, Edelstein said, but that is because of the difficulties they currently face in the conversion process and the lack of conversion classes available where they live.

"I believe there are thousands of immigrants who want to live here as Israelis in every way and Jews in every way, and I'm not just talking about mortgages - they get that in any case, But because there are younger people in the army, who then go into university and know this has consequences for their family lives, I'm sure there will be thousands interested."

On another subject, Edelstein said he hopes it will be only "a matter of months" until about 400 who had apparently been bilked out of their money after entrusting it to individuals recommended to them by Israeli government bodies are compensated by the government.

Edelstein said that while he had "grander dreams" for what he could accomplish, "after a year here, I can't imagine what would've happened if Yisrael Ba'Aliya was not in the government."

He cited the ministry's success in finding housing solutions for elderly immigrants and for those who had previously lived in caravans. Only 85 out of 400 Ethiopian immigrant families who had been living in caravans a year ago are still living there, he noted. However, he said housing solutions still must be found for some 740 single Ethiopian immigrants still living in caravans, most after army service.

More immigrants are becoming entrepreneurs with the ministry's help. Edelstein noted, with 1,000 jobs created this way in the past year. Immigration overall dropped 15 percent since he took office, partly because of the drop in the number of potential inunigrants in the CIS,

As for immigration from the West, ministry figures show 2,400 immigrants from North America and Oceania last year, compared to 2,700 in 1995, and 4,200 from Europe sexcluding the former Sovies Union], compared to 4,100 the previous year.

Edelstein pointed out the ministry had particular success with a job fair aimed at attracting Israelis living in the US to return home, with immigrant families from the CIS some 1,000 expected to do so soon.



His honor is honored

Former Supreme Court president Meir Shamgar secures his cap backstage at Tel Aviv's Habima theater before being awarded an honorary doctorate by Tel Aviv University, along with businessman Yuli Ofer tleft) and others Sunday night.

Fourth in a series of five articles:

Fire and brimstone in Bat Yam

By DAN IZENBERG

In his manual entitled An Opening for Those Knocking at the Door of Teshuva, author Yoel Schwartz suggests several ways to persuade secular Jews to become religious. These include gentle persuasion by gradually introducing candidates to mitzva observance: combining moral teaching with pleasurable experiences; holding introductory lectures on Judaism; arranging meetings with horrim betshuva - those who were not born into religious homes, but became observant later, and hosting potential hozrim betshura in yeshivot and haredi homes.

Such activities have become an integral part of the religious landscape; much of what is known as kiruv - activities aimed at bringing the non-observant closer to observance - is informal and done by "non-professionals." who forge personal relationships with secular individuals or families.

But there is no doubt that a crucial factor in the success of the teshura movement lies in the charismatic personalities of its

Rabbi Yehuda Bracha, Fifteenyear-old Herzl Fenso has his Rabbi Naday. According to their mothers. Rina Aviv and Rachel Fenso, neither will do anything without first consulting them.

Charisma is also a key factor in the influence that neighborhood lectures, day-long seminars and evening "happenings" have on potential penitents. These events are an effective method of attracting new recruits, because they cast a wide net.

Everyone is welcome at these events - religious and secular, rich and poor, old and young, men and women. They are either free or entail a nominal entrance fee. They often include refreshments and entertainment, preferably by a one-time popular performer who has abandoned the secular world for the naredi one.

In the days before the event, the organizers plaster posters all over the neighborhood and distribute leaflets in mailboxes.

Those chosen to address the audience must excel at public speaking, for the speeches are a crucial part of the show. The orgapersonalities of its nizers know that if the package "happening." In the courtyard in Seventeen-year-old they provide is entertaining front of the building, vendors set Shmulik Aviv has his mentor, enough, it will lure people from

their homes, Indeed, for many in the audience, this is the only live entertainment they can afford.

A four-day "revival" held recently in Bat Yans is typical of this type of outreach. It was sponsored by the Bat Yam Municipality's religious culture department and Arachim. one of the largest and most established teshuro organizations.

The event was held in the Rabbi Meir Ba'al Haness Synagogue, a small Sephardi house of worship located in a lower-class neighborhood in the downtown area. The feature attraction was comedian Yehuda Barkan, who was scheduled to speak on Saturday night. But even on Thursday, some 450 people, split more or less evenly between men and women. crammed into the sanctuary and spilled over into an adjacent room to hear Rabbi Noah Hertz, a former pilot shot down and taken captive by Syria during the Yom Kippur War and Rabbi Ya acov Ohayon, billed as a former hair-

dresser and television musician. The event had some of the trappings of a country fair or a secular up stalls to peddle clothing or religious artifacts, including framed posters of Jewish holy men. inside, two tables were stacked with religious books for sale.

Loudspeakers blared Oriental-Israeli music with religious themes at full volume, adding to the holiday atmosphere. It was a far cry from the cold and anonymous feeling on Bat Yam's main shopping street, a few hundred meters away.

Hertz, the former fighter pilot, had an incredible story to tell of his capture and eight-month captivity in Syria. At emotional high points, his voice would rise in pitch and he would appear to cry. At other times, he slowly repeated important or dramatic sentences and phrases, sometimes several times.

In the middle of bis story, he would suddenly digress, extrapolating from the narrative to preach his idea of how a Jew should live. He explained, for example, that

in order to evade enemy radar, pilots were forced to fly at as great a speed and as low an altitude as possible. The maneuver was extremely dangerous, because the pilot could easily run into unexpected obstacles - a hill, a building, or a telephone pole. Hertz compared these obstacles to the temptations threatening to bring down a man as he walks the straight and narrow path of righteousness.

In describing the moments after his plane was hit, Hertz dramatically raised his hand in the air and jerked it towards the table as he counted down from 10, explaining that he had 10 seconds to bail out before his plane hit the ground.

In the middle of his count, he stopped to explain that unlike that situation, in which he knew he had a given amount of time to do something to save himself; man does not know when he will die, Therefore, he must always take the proper steps to save his soul and ensure a heavenly reward. -

Unlike Hertz, who used pathos as his rhetorical device, Ohayon's speech was laced with humor. His timing and wit were as effective as those of any stand-up comedian and he held his audience spellbound. But though delivered in a soft voice, his message was harsh.

Ohayon, whose topic was marital relations, said that only Jews were obliged to enter a state of holy matrimony because they belonged to the only nation sanctified by God. Non-Jews married only because they imitated lews, not because they felt an inner need to sanctify coupling.

In another instance, he told a story about an Arab from Lod who climbed into a garbage bin and ate a watermelon he found inside. A Jew would never do such a thing because he is too genteel, Ohayon claimed.

On the other hand, though all Jews belong to the only holy nation on earth, secular Jews are a more dangerous enemy to the observant Jewthan the greatest of antisemites, including Hitler, because they are hostile to religion, he said.

One of the most influential activists in the Tel Aviv area today is Rabbi Amnon Yitzhak, head of a Bnei Brak-based organization called Shofar. Yitzhak's speeches are a blend of humor and intimidation delivered in sahbak, the language of the street.

In one of the dozens of tapes he has made for distribution, Yitzhak told the story of a man who tried to outsmart God by refusing to learn to read, so he would not be able to study Torah and could therefore not be blarned for not observing the commandments.

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Justice Ministry bill to define journalists' immunity

The Justice Ministry has begun drafting legislation that will define the immunity of journalists and other professionals with regard to their sources.

The proposal will encompass the concept that journalists are entitled to relative immunity and will define under which circumstances this immunity can be lifted. It will attempt to standardize the concept of immunity on the basis suggested by the majority in the Maoz Committee appointed in 1993 to look into the subject.

At the same time, it will relate to the issue of curailing the existing immunity of lawyers. Al present,

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The proposal would make immunity of lawyers in civil cases also relative rather than absolute. Any material in a civil suit which was handed to a lawyer in anticipation of an upcoming trial, however, will continue to enjoy total immunity, according to the proposal.

Under the proposal, a senior magistrate will have the right to order the lifting of immunity also in criminal cases when this is necessary for carrying out an inves-

The proposal will be sent to the relevant parties lawyers' immunity cannot be lifted – unlike that of for perusal in the near future, the ministry spokesdoctors or psychologists - unless a court orders this to woman said.

Knesset approves Bezeg rate hike

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the Communications Ministry's proposal for updating Bezeq and Bezeq International rates. Phone bills will go up by an average of 3.14% (the consumer price index rose by 8.57% since the last rate hike). The changes went into effect last night at midnight.

In addition, the rate schedule has been simplified by reducing the number of time groups in a 24-hour period. Instead of five, there are only three.

The old schedule had separate rates from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., 10 p.m., 10 7 a.m., and 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. The new schedule has the most expensive rates from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., intermediate raires from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and the cheapest rates from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m.

For most people, the monthly service fee goes up from NIS 20.40 to NIS 30 (a 47% increase), while calls drop by an average of 6%. This means that the hike balances out at an average of 3.14%. Subscribers who make fewer than 100 phone units in

outgoing calls every two months will continue to pay the old service charge, the ministry said. Those who make between 101 and 150 phone units every two months will pay NIS 25.20 as a service fee in the larger and middle-sized towns and NIS 21.40 in the small-



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WORLD NEWS

in brief

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COX'S BAZAR, Bangladesh (AP) — A cyclone hammered the Bangladesh coast with the force of "hundreds of demons",

leveling villages, flooding crop lands and killing at least six

One man was blown off his roof and killed while he was try-ing to secure it against the storm. Police in the southern port of Chittagong said three men and two children were killed by fly-

Communications to outlying islands and other storm-bit areas were disrupted, making an accurate account of casualties and

Half a million people abandoned their mud or thatched huts

and huddled in concrete shelters. Winds churned up two-meter waves that swamped islands, destroyed rice crops and washed

Mongolia elects ex-communist as president ULAN BATOR (Reuter) - Mongolia's former communist rulers dealt a crushing defeat to the ruling democrats in presidential polls when their Soviet-educated candidate trounced the

Preliminary results showed Bacabandi, 47, a Soviet-educated

technocrat and candidate of the opposition Mongolian People's

Revolutionary Party (MPRP), had won a decisive 60.79 percent

Democratic Union Coalition, collected 29.8 percent of the vote.

Indonesia tense as campaign enters last leg

JAKARTA (Reuter) - Indonesia was calm after bouts of pre-

election violence over the weekend, but police said they were

"From the view of the national police, it's safe and under con-

trol (now)," said oational police spokesman Brigadier-General

United Development Party (PPP) hurled stones at partisans of

the ruling Golkar party and fought security forces in Jakarta and other major cities on Java island, but there were no reports of

Long prison terms sought in Korean scandal SEOUL (AP) - Prosecutors demanded a 20-year sentence for

the owner of a major steel company whose bankruptcy exposed

Prosecutors also recommended prison terms ranging from five to eight years and forfeiture of up to \$1.2 million for 10 other

The prosecution demands came at the close of a three-month

trial of 11 steel company executives; bankers and politicians,

They were charged with taking or giving bribes in exchange for arranging bank loans to Hanbo Steel Industry Co., which collapsed in January under the weight of \$6 hillion in debt.

Sinn Fein protests

Thousands of supporters of the minority Moslem-based

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LOME, Togo (AP) — Deposed dictator Mobutu Sese Seko was in Togo yesterday, after fleeing rebels who had captured his jungle palace in northern Zaire, Togolese government sources reported.

His eldest son, Konguln, and 109 members of his extended family were stuck across the river from Kioshasa, in Brazzaville, Congo, because a flight crew that had been meant to fly them onwards refused to have anything more to do with the Mohutus.

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The dictator was resting in a residence belonging to his old friend,
Togolese dictator Gnassingbe
Eyadema, government officials in
this West African nation said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Mobutu would not stay in Togolemore than a few days, they said.

more than a few days, they said. His likely departure time would be clarified after he met with Eyadema this afternooo, wheo the Togolese dictator was due to return from a long weekend at his palace in oorthern Togo.

They did not yet know his ultimate destination.

That cootradicted an earlier report on Togo state television that Mobutu had only briefly stopped in Togo on Sunday morning, on his way to Rabat, Morocco.

The television reported that Mobutu had slipped out of his home village of Gbadolite late Saturday night in a cargo plane just ahead of rebel leader Laurent Kabila's troops, and flowo to

Togo.

The television report, citing the "Mohutu entourage," said Mobutu had been awoke by gunfire late



Rwandan men taken out of a hospital in Kinshasa are watched by a rebel soldier yesterday.

that rebel troops had entered his home village and were closing in on his palace. The rebels fired on the departing plane.

Mobutu had fled from Kinshasa

to Ghadolite on Friday morning.
On Saturday, rebels marched into Kinshasa and gave Kabila the

victory in a seven-month war. Mobutu had sent his personal jet down from Gbadolite to Brazzaville to fly Konguln and the others onwards, but when it landed at Brazzaville's Maya Maya

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and he was stretched out on a

spit, being turned over the fire.

Black, red, hlack, red, turning

going oo, heaven have mercyl

What's happeoed to you? Where

are the other guys? Don't you

have any backing here? This is

"He says to me, "What kind of hacking are you talking about?

Here, it's on your back, on your

stomach, on your back, on your

"So I says, 'Thia is a terrible punishment.'

" 'This isn't the punishment,'

he answers. 'This is the recess.'

"I says to him, 'Avrum, what's

his friend, Avrum.

all the time. ...

stomach.

what they do to you?'

"So," continues Yitzhak in his

him in.

police said.

Kongulu was staying with Congolese politicians who had greeted him — and disarmed him when he fied across the Congo river.

When the crew refused to fly him, Kongulu hired a local jet Saturday night to fly to Gabon - hut the government of formerly friendly Gabonese dictator, Omar Bongo, refused to allow him to land.

Kongulu, a senior army officer, was the son most closely associated with his father hrutal excesses. Saturday night and determined airport, the crew quit, Brazzaville He was nicknamed "Saddam

aboot a judge who was sent to

hell, hat because he had handed

dowo a few just verdicts in his

career, was allowed to choose

his punishment. Each punishment he saw was worse than the

next, until he finally saw people

immersed up to their necks in a

pool of excrement, hreathing

"So the judge says, this is one

"Then, just as he immerses

of the easier punishments. At

least the head remains above the

himself and starts getting used

to it, gets the hreathing right,

fiods his rhythm, he hears a

gong and an angel announces: 'Recess over, put your heads

The man with the visa said

he'd had ecough and decided to

beat it out of hell. But when he

reached the gate, he found that

the demon-guard had beeo

replaced by an even more fright-

ening one, a giant full of eyes.

comes to the gate and says,

· opeo up, open up, I want to

"So," continues Yitzhak, "he

surface.

back inl'

house yesterday with special glee. A check of hotels showed that some of Mobum's close advisers were also in the Togolese capital including ex-foreign minister Kamanda Wa Kamanda, who had

Eyadema had been one of the

been rumored shot dead in

few international leaders to condemn Kabila for capturing the capital of Kinshasa — Mobntu's last stroughold -- instead of maintaining a South African-brokered

Hussein," and Zairians trashed his dialogue with Mobutu.

The two dictators had led their countries since the mid-1960s, and both enjoyed the support of France - another country that expressed its displeasure with Kabila. French police prevented Kabila loyalists from taking over the Zairian embassy in Paris yesterday.

Moroccan officials said Mobnu was to stop briefly in Rabat, then continue on to a European destination, where he would wait out the French elections before continu-

Mother, grandma poisoned child

NEW YORK (AP) - A 5-year-old girl's grandmother and mother are accused of forcing her to swallow a lethal cocktail of ammonia, vinegar, cayenne peoper and olive oil then

putting her body out with the trash. Grandmother Rosa Wilkerson originally told police Amy Burney dicd of natural causes and lay dead for days before they put her out with the garbage in front of their Bronx apartment hailding.

Police later concluded that Amy was poisoned, possibly as punishmeot, and were going to sift through garbage at Staten Island's Fresh Kills landfill yesterday or today in hopes of finding the body. "She was restrained and ber mouth

was gagged, and she was intentionally forced to ingest this mixture by both her grandmother and her mother," Deputy Police Commissioner Patrick Kelleher said.

"We don't know exactly why she was forced to ingest the chemicals, whether it was for punishment, or to have some other effect

The mother, Angelic Burney, 25, and Wilkerson, 46, who also goes by the name Rosa Downing, were charged with second-degree murder after detectives interrogated them for hours, Kelleher said. Police believe Amy died around April 27.

Newspapers quoted sources as saying Wilkerson claimed she forced the girl to drink the poison to exorcise demons from her body. The gird's mouth was taped shut to prevent her from spitting out the poison.
Wilkerson reportedly told police that she and her daughter believed

the little girl was possessed, since

she was prone to throwing tantrums.

parliament ban

LONDON (Reuter) - The leaders of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, made little headway yesterday in efforts to overturn a ruling that they may not use offices in the British parliament, to which they were elected on May 1.

In the course of a high-profile visit that critics dismissed as a publicity stunt, Sinn Fein president Gerry Adams was shown round the chamber of the House of Commons by veteran left-wing Lahor member of parliament

Tony Bonn. Adams, accompanied by chief Sinn Fein oegotiator Martin McGoinness, declined to say whether the pair might make a symbolic appearance later yesterday at the bar of the House - a white line marking the formal entrance to the Commons chamber,

Speaking to reporters after talks with senior House of Commons officials, Adams and McGuinness said they had clarified a oumber of points related to a han imposed last week by House of Commons speaker Betty Boothroyd.

McGuinoess, who called the meetings civilized, said he and Adams would bave further talks in the afternoon.

The Commons speaker last week ruled the two could not use parliameotary offices or other facilities such as free telephones unless they took the oath of allegiance to Queen Elizabeth sworn hy every

MP before taking his seat.

Adams and McGuiness, who advocate a united Ireland, refuse to swear allegiance to the crown because they do not recognize British sovereignty over Northern Ireland, where the majority of the population is

Protestant and loyal to London. Adams complained that Boothroyd's han, which will take effect late today, was unilateral and arbitrary and had denied a democratic right to voters in the two Northern Ireland constituencies that elected him and

UK Labor promises 'speedy' sleaze probe LONDON (Reuter) - Britain's Labor govformalized this week.

ernment yesterday promised a "speedy" investigation into allegations that one of its new members of parliament bribed a rival in the May 1 election.

Mohammed Sarwar, who became Britain's first Moslem member of parliament when he won Glasgow's Govan constituency, has strongly denied claims in the News of the World newspaper that he had bribed an oppoocnt to ease up on his canvassing:

parwar announced at the weekend he was consulting lawyers about taking out a writ against the newspaper for defamation.

Aides from Prime Minister Tony Blair's Downing Street office confirmed yesterday that police were investigating the allegations and said a separate party inquiry would be

TESHUVA

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According to Yitzhak, when

the man reached the pearly

gates, he was giveo a visa. Since he had not observed the com-

mandments, he could not he sent

But since he was illiterate and

could not study them, he could not be sent to bell. Therefore, it

was decided that he could visit

The man decided to visit heav-

eo first. There, cootioued

Yitzhak, "he sees righteous peo-

ple crowned in glory, backing in

God's spleodor. They are

dressed in white, studying

Torah, surrounded by green

lawns, enticing streams and

But he sooo became bored by

the lack of action in heaven and

the fact that he had no friends

there. So he decided to visit hell.

At hell's gate, he met a "hlacker-

than-hlack" demon-guard, who

both, but belong to neither.

to heaven.

chirping hirds."

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One aide said the parry investigation would be completed "speedily." He declined to give further details.

At the election, Sarwar won with 2,914 more votes than his nearest rival, the Scottish National Party's Nicola Sturgeon. The bribery claims are the first cloud over

the new government, whose landslide victory was aided by allegations of financial and sexual sleaze against Conservative politicians. . Throughout the election campaign, Blair

contrasted his firm approach to party discipline to what he described as the weak and dithering approach of the defeated premier, John Major.

Lahor officials say that if Sarwar is

from the party. If found guilty he would be

forced to resign his seat.

Sarwar, 46, moved to Scotland from Pakistan at the age of four. He became a millionaire after building op a successful retail business and has been involved in the Labor

lowed a bitter struggle with a former MP, Mike Watson, whose constituency was abolished by a commission redrawing electoral boundaries.

The selection battle gave rise to allegations of irregularities in the registratioo of Lahor party members.

Police are investigating the eligibility of

almost 300 people who were included late charged hy police he would be expelled on the electoral roll.

Party for more than 10 years.

But his selection as Labor candidate fol-

"But the demon says, 'Anyone who comes in, don't go out again. 'Look here, I've got a visa,' the man replies. He takes out his visa to show him, but the demon looks him straight in the eye and shrugs: 'I can't read,' he says.
'Now get hack inside.'"

Not only had Yitzhak managed to eotertain his listeners with a good punchline-cum-moral lesson. He had also frighteoed on her," he said. some of them with his graphic description of the hell that awaits anyone who does not

ohey Halacha. Yitzhak may talk like "one of the goys." But he knows that many in his audience, especially the younger ones, the impressicoahle and the susceptible, will take him literally and respond accordingly.

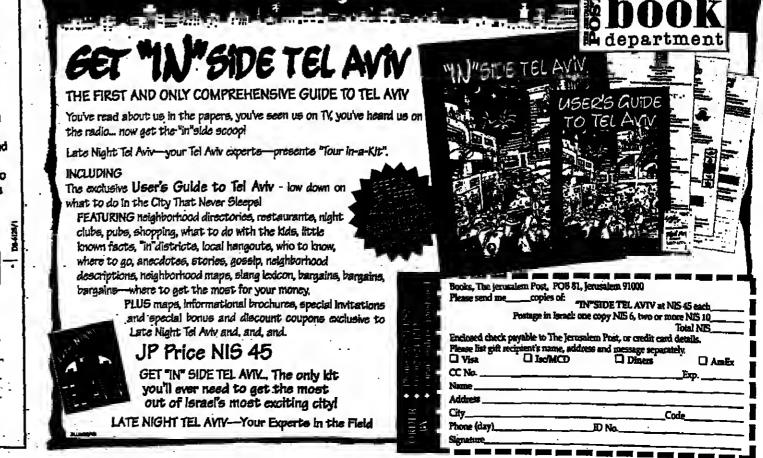
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In search of vision

utgoing US Ambassador Martin Indyk decided to vent his frustration on Sunday with a blast at both sides in the peace

According to Indyk, "The core-bargain of Oslo has broken down. Israelis were promised security; Palestinians were promised self-govemment and a credible pathway to negotiating their rights in a fioal status agreement."

This is a puzzling explanation for the breakdown of the process. The Palestinians bave certainly pulled back from their security cooperation with Israel. Receot releases of Hamas members arrested by the Palestinian Authority just reemphasize the marked deterioration in security cooperation since Israel's decisioo to build on Jerusalem's Har Homa. But how has Israel deviated from a "credible pathway" towards a final status agreement?

Perhaps to answer this question, Indyk cootinued: "Terrorism oo one side and unilateral acts which have created the impression that the final status issues are being preempted on the other, have combined to break this trust on which the partnership for peace is based."

Here the ambassador gets into deeper water. At the very moment he bemoans the death of Oslo, he hammers a nail into the coffin. Oslo is not a philosophy, or a religion, or a way of life - it is an agreement. The agreement is a long and complicated one, but it boils down to this: The Palestinians must not only cease terrorism, but join Israel in combating it; Israel must withdraw from most of the areas where Palestinians live, and then negotiate a final status agreement.

The Oslo agreement - search bigh and low includes no prohibition on Israeli building in Jerusalem, or anywhere in Judea and Samaria for that matter. Though no Israeli government would agree to such a prohibition, all, including the current one, bave recognized the extreme Palestinian sensitivity to such building. And despite the Netanyahu government's rhetorical bluster, it has built less over the Green Line than its predecessors.

Only within Jerusalem itself, and slightly over the line in spots, has the government dared to act "unilaterally" - contrary to Palestinian wishes, but within Israel's rights under the agreement.

In comes Ambassador Indyk, with a direct equation between the Palestinian dropping of its "core" side of the bargain - the fight against terrorism - and Israel's provocative but legal assertion of its rights under the agreement.

It seems that the Netanyahu government, especially in its first few months, almost deliberately went about dismantling whatever trust and good will existed between the parties, and therefore much of the Israel's credibility in the international community. The Hebron agree-

ment restored confidence for a moment, but the Palestinians: sensing they had Israel on the ropes of public opinion, were quick to create a crisis at the next available opportunity, Har Homa. No one ever said the Har Homa decisioo made things easy, but at the end of the day a distinctioo must be made between what is in the Oslo agreement, and what the Palestinians pretend is there.

As a spoosor of the agreement, the United States has a special responsibility to make this distinction. By simply going with whoever complains the loudest rather than what is in the agreement, the United States is sowing the seeds of further crises, and making this one impossible to solve.

In his speech before the opening session of the Knesset yesterday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu rightly pointed out the unfairness of being asked to abide restrictions beyond Oslo, while the Palestinians are oot even being beld to Oslo itself. Where Netanyahu is mistaken, however, is his interpretation of why the Palestinians get away with this. Netanyahu blames Israel's troubles on the fact that his government demands Palestinian compliance, and is unwilling to go back to the 1967 lines or to divide Jerusalem. This is a facile and not particularly fair comparison with previous governments, especially since Netanyahu has not really insisted on Palestinian compliance so far.

Netanyahu's real problem is that he has chosen to appease his right wing by accentuating real or imaginary differences with Labor's approach to the peace process, at the expense of poisoning the atmosphere with the Palestinians. In practice, Netanyahu is doing little different than what Labor would do. But he feels the need to distinguish himself from Labor somehow, so he implements Oslo, but reluctantly.

This policy of attempting to implement Oslo while bad-mouthing it, if it ever had any utility. has certainly reached the point of diminishing returns. The insistence on reciprocity is a correct and important Likud twist on the process. but it cannot be accomplished in a vacuum. The months and months of verbally trashing Oslo have sapped almost all the political benefits Netanyahu derived from its implementation.

Israel has a right to expect that the United States be an arbiter, but not arbitrary. The Palestinians had better wake up and realize that they have the most to lose from the collapse of the process, and that their public relations strength does not mean they can force their every desire upon Israel. And Netanyahu must realize his strength will come from developing his own positive vision of the peace process, rather than defining his policies in contrast to those of Labor.

MEE CO 97 WHERE ARE THE ARAB-AMERICANS WHEN YOU NEED THEM?

Duplicity and danger

n south Lebanon, you can't escape the sounds of the war the unholy alliance of Syria and Iran is waging on Israel's north via Hizbullah and other ter-

rorist groups and milidas. Yet European envoy Miguel Moratinos hadn't heard any war drums beating to Damascus. The music still resounding in his ears. he said, was from Syrians' "peace drums" during his visit to the

country a week or two ago.

No wonder Hafez Assad, feudal ruler of Syria and Lebanon, prefers European mediators to American ones; they're so pliable.

In actual fact, the Syrians see to it that the Lebanese Army assists Hizbullah by firing at IDF air-craft the Syrian-backed Amal and other groups bave also occasionally planned raids against IDF naval patrol boats. One raid off the Lebanese coast was foiled yesterday by an alert Israeli naval patrol,

Hizbullah receives regular planeloads of weapons and ammunition, unloaded at Damascus Airport from Iranian Boeing 747 cargo planes. Each new arms shipment receives the blessing of Syrian army and intelligence chiefs and their Iranian Revolutionary Guard partners based in the Bekaa Valley. From the airport, the shipments, under Syrian escort, make their way to bases and arms depots in the Bekaa.

New weapons systems like longer-range artillery rockets doubtless receive prior Syrian approval.

One must not exclude the possibility that Hizbullah has also been receiving certain types of weapons systems, locluding antitank missiles, from the Syrian and Lebanese armies. The Soviet/Russian Fagot antitank missile it uses might, for instance, have come from Syrian army stocks as well as from Iranian. CIS and East European sources of

supply. Even though Hizbullah is usually made to pay a considerable price for its attacks, every IDF or South Lebanese Army casualty is likely toasted by Hizbullah leaders, their Iranian godfathers in Damascus and Beirut, and by

ince the airing of Michael

those who internalized the incite-

ment, those who sought to benefil

politically from it - even people like MKs Micbael Eitan and Uzi

Landau, who felt uncomfortable

with what was going on, but mere-

been said before; but it is incom-

plete, and regrettably one-sided.

The film described a disease, but

offered no prognosis, no hint of a

remedy in a situation where, with-

out one, the patient - society -

And here is our society today,

urgently needing to stem the

growing hatred some parts feel for

Without that, we will not be able

to weed out those who gave their

blessing to the murder, citing a

false god rejected by most of this

country's religious population. We

will not be able to uproot those

who have no qualms about

destroying everything we here

have worked for in the last 100

could fall apart.

That is all correct, and it has all

ly walked away in disgust.

Karpin's controversial doc-

umentary on what led up to

DANIEL LESHEM

Assad and his Lebanese cronies: and let's not leave out the chief of Syrian military intelligence in Lebanon, ruling the country behiod the scenes with the help of his numerous agents and a 35,000strong Syrian domination force.

Israelis haven't forgotten the jubilant and barbaric reaction to the fatal IDF helicopter collision at She'ar Yashuv, Israel itself

Assad may be no less perilous than Iran's Rafsanjani, also long perceived as a moderate

would never express joy over a similar disaster in the Arab world.

WERE Assad simply and truly interested in getting Israel out of the security zone, he could have achieved this long ago by accepting Israeli offers to negotlate a withdrawal in return for Syria's clamping down on Hizbullah, and guaranteeing the safety of SLA personnel and their families.

However, Assad's policy is, as usual, hard to fathom. He knew he could have attained this objective with our former government; yet be chose to support a series of horrific Hamas and Islamic Jihad bomb attacks in Israeli cities in February-March last year, as well as Hizbullah rocket attacks on northern Israel which forced us to launch Operacion Grapes of

Wrath

But, if it's any comfort, Assad's true motives are probably as mistshrouded to US, Saudi, Jordanian and Turkish government officials as they are to most Israelis.

How, for instance, to explain Syria's direct (or indirect) involvement in at least one of two vicious attacks on US military installations in Saudi Arabia? They were carried out by an Iranian-backed Saudi branch of Hizbullah, using training and

logistic facilities in the Syriancontrolled Bekaa Valley and in Syria itself.

Assad has close ties to the Saudi ruling family, especially Crown Prince Abdullah, and wants to improve bis relations with the US - both of which would seem to rule out any such involvement

And how shocked US and Saudi officials must have been to learn of Syria's decision to execute a Saudi militant, Ja'afar el-Marzouk Dweihat, who had escaped to Syria following the Dhahran bombing, rather than extradite him to Saudi Arabia or the US at the request of the Saudis, and probably US officials too.

Assad and his intelligence chiefs obviously feared that the Saudi Hizbullah militant might reveal the full extent of Syrian involvement and support for Iranianbacked Saudi terrorists opposed to the Saudi regime and engaged in a jihad against US and Western interests in Saudi Arabia and the

Another Saudi member of Hizbullah, Haoi Abdel Rahim Sayegh, who fled to Canada following the Dhahran bombing and was recently arrested there, might still be extradited to the US. If so, he may be able to fill in the blanks regarding Syria's involvement in the Dhahran bombing, information his co-militant might have spilled had he not been silenced in the Syrian effort at damage con-

Assad's duplicity may be no less dangerous than that of Iran's Rafsanjani, who, until the recent Mykonos trial verdict in Germany, bad managed to fool quite a few Western politicians into seeing him as a moderate.

The Syrian leader's two-faced peace strategy may, in fact, constitute no less of a threat to regional and world stability than that posed by Iranian-backed Osama bin Laden in his Afghan mountain hideout, running his boly war operations against the US and Western military presence in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.

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Mismatch

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

ast year. Garry Kasparov predicted no computer would beat any world chess champion before 2010. He was off by 13 years, IBM's Deep Blue beat Kasparov in New York in a six-game match with a sensational rout in the sixth and decisive

The chess world was stinned. The skeptics remain nonchalant. Big deal, they say, this is not really intelligence. This is just chess.

Obviously, machines don't have the kind of self-aware thoughts humans do. But that does not mean they are not capable of intelligence.

Intelligence is known by its product, not by its process. Who cares how a machine gets to its conclusions? After all, who knows how we humans get to

Deep Blue, by its own bypass," produced an intellectual product superior to a human one. To deny that this is intelligence is a semantic trick: It machines don't do it the way we humans do, it ain't the real thing.

Well, Kasparov thinks it is the real thing. "When Garry Kasparov plays against the computer," said his adviser Frederic Friedel in a post-mortem, "he has the feeling its forming plans; it understands strategy; it is trying to trick him; it is blocking his ideas."

These are, of course, anthropomorphic metaphors. Deep Blue is aware of nothing, not even that it is playing chess. But its play is nonetheless shockingly complex and subtle, cold and precise. That is what so terrified Kasparov. And that terror cost him the match.

Never in his life had he lost any match to anyone or anything. He lost this time not because he was out-thought by the thinking machine, but because he was outpsyched by it, demoralized by its

very soullessness.
"I lost my fighting spirit," he confessed.

Kasparov was facing an opponent that was not just relentlessly logical, but, more important, lacking any of the human weaknesses. No anxiety. No pride. No fatigue. Above all, no fear.

That alone instills fear. The mismatch in this man-vs.machine contest was not of intel-

The difference between Kasparov and Deep Blue was not infallibility, but unflappability

lect. Kasparov's intuition was a good match for Deep Blue's calculation. The mismatch was in psychology. Kasparov was cursed with having one.

Take, for example, his worst blunder: resigning Game 2 when be could have drawn. He resigned on move 45 because he thought that no matter where he moved,

he would soon be checkmated. A few hours later, an amateur chess player on the Internet found Kasparov was wrong. Had he played an odd-looking series of rook and queen moves right away, Kasparov would have assured

himself a draw. This discovery caused a sensation. How did Garry miss it? Indeed how did the 20 grandmasters in the press room miss it

HOW? Awe. Deep Blue was far ahead. It was close to checkmate. Kasparov could not imagine that this prodigious calculator could, in its own move 45, have played something that might allow him to escape with a draw.

Deep Blue had indeed erred. But Kasparov, assuming Deep Blue to be infallible, gave into it. He gave up.

This never would bave happened playing flesh and blood. In fact, it never has happened playing flesh and blood: Never before bad Kasparov, or any world champion, resigned a game with a draw staring them in the face.

The difference in this match was not infallibility but unflappability. Both man and machine made mistakes. But only the man melted down.

This is important because feelings are the last redoubt of the artificial-intelligence skeptics.

Not to worry, they say. Humans will always remain superior. Even if a machine could think, they say it could never feel. It could never cry or love or broad about mortal-

Well, yes. Exactly right. And that makes these machines all the more terrifying. Stone-cold Deep Blue bas just shown us

One day in the far future we will be up against machines - not just in chess but in life - that are not only monstrously intelligent,

but utterly unfeeling. Whom do you think that gives the edge to? Ask Garry Kasparov

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir. - As an Egyptian living in Israel, I thought it might be useful to comment on David Homik's April 25 article, "an Israeli still

stuck in Egypt" I will not try to defend racism in the Egyptian press. However, I would like to express my belief that these people in the press only represent themselves and not the Egyptian government or the vast majority of Egyptians who, I find. are quite favorable to the peace

with Israel.

However, the main problem is this: most people in Egypt believe that Israel is colonializing the West Bank and denying basic human rights to two million Palestinians (in addition to the millions more who cannot return to their homes or those of their fathers) while Israelis are free to settle there and are subject to the liberal Israeli laws (as opposed to British colonial laws allowing the destruction of people's houses). Now, one may argue that millions of people in Arab countries also

Sir, - Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu charges journalists

with a bias against a government

of the Right. Journalists elaim

objectivity and consider criticism

to be an incitement against the

First, the views of the Left are

given more public exposure than

those of the Right. Before the

election, the Ma'ariv newspaper

provided summaries of the num-

ber of appearances by political fig-

ures on television. On March 1,

1996, it revealed that 72 percent of

the 566 appearances on Israel tele-

vision during the previous two

months were of political personal-

Despite a new government of

the Right, the Israeli public is

more likely to hear the opinions of

Dr. Ahmed Tibi, adviser to Yasser

Arafat, than of most ministers in

ities from the Left.

media. What are the facts?

suffer under repressive regimes and that Israeli occupation has benefited the populations of the West Bank and Gaza. However, I will paraphrase Mahatma Gandhi on this point people prefer their own bad government to the "good" colonial government; similar arguments were used by white South Africans to justify apartheid, but this did not make it

THE VIEW FROM EGYPT

Concerning the difficuldes facing Egyptians traveling to Israel, I will just mention that in times when a compromise solution to the Palestinian problem seemed in sight, about 12,000 Egyptians visited Israel every year. This figure is obtained from a speech by Yossi

Homik's criticism of Israelis favoring compromise as harboring slave mentality reflects a shortsighted attitude born of narrow ideological beliefs. The facts are that many Arab countries are rapidly developing (notice for example the phenomenal growth

appearance on television is guar-

legitimacy of the present government through constant speculation about its imminent collapse either through the formation of a unity government, or by holding

Third, the media use different standards for evaluating political situations taking place under a rightist rather than a leftist government. The appointment of Roni Bar-On as attorney-general under a Likud government provides a daily critique of government behavior. The appointment of Michael Ben-Yair as attorney-general produced little media invective despite the claim by Davar that the appointment was aimed at in the Egyptian economy over the last few years which was recently compared to East Asian standards by the Wall Street Journal). The Arab world harbors enormous potential for development and Israel will not be facing the newly decolonialized backward countries in the next 50 years it was facing in the last 50. It seems to me wise that Israel ensures that by the time Arabs are able to challeage it effectively, they are bound by economic and cultural ties that may discourage them from doing

Finally, Hornik's contemptuous attitude is reflected in the fact that be is so sure of what the case of Azzam Azzam is all about and has no respect for the Egyptian legal system. If he had a little respect for his Egyptian neighbors, be would await the court's decision before writing such articles (as his government is rightly doing).

DR. AMR AHMED EL-ZANT Haifa

MEDIA BIAS

anteed to any representative of the right who is ready to publicly criticize the prime minister. Second, the media question the

new elections.

the government. Of course, an a delay in the Aryeh Deri trial.

Finally, there is the media nonstory, when journalists decide that certain events, of concern to the right, need not be fully investigated. For instance, little mention is made of the accumulation of armaments and soldiers next to our major cities in infringement of the Oslo Agreement. Also, no accounting is given of the high price to the Israeli economy from the largescale theft of property permitted by the Palestinian Authority. And Israeli journalists seem reluctant to scrutinize police and GSS violations of the basic burnan rights of Jews living in Judea and Samaria. By a partisan bias towards the Left, the Israeli media fails Israeli democracy in its important responsibility to keep the nation's

ALBERT I. GOLDBERG Haifa.

citizens fully informed.

IT may be difficult for us on the other side of the political spectrum

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF to admit that the murder did not

Too quick to judge others

the Rabin assassination. I have been unable to shake off a frushappen in a vacuum; that it also had to do with developments trating, almost angry feeling that the film simply missed the within the Left, and interaction between Left and Right - and with It blamed everyone on the the way the Security Service oper-Right, directly or indirectly, for ated at the time. what happened: those who incited.

To people like me, who since the mid '80s had advocated direct

The Left is too wary of looking at the broader picture, including its own conduct

talks with the PLO with the goal of reaching a historical compromise, Oslo and its outcome was a welcome, if sudden, development, easy to absorb.

Though few in Israel felt suphoric when the Declaration of Principles was signed in 1993, most Israelis were willing to give the new approach a chance.

But a substantial minority saw their world crumbling around them. They felt that a terrible calamity was about to befall the Jewish people in general, and the State of Israel in particular.

But instead of trying to establish a dialogue with this part of the population, the government poohtoward it only added fuel to the This does not mean Rabin was

responsible for his own death, as many extreme right-wingers argue. But it cannot be escaped that he and his colleagues did nothing to try and put out the fire, or at least to cootain it. Would the outcome bave been different had the government taken a different psychological

any honest analysis should bave debated this point. Then there is the role played by Avishai Raviv and his Eyal organization. Clearly the GSS did use Raviv in some capacity, and clear-ly - either on GSS instructions or, more likely, on his own accord -Raviv acted as an agent provocateur among some right-wing

approach? We cannot know; but

fringe groups.
The GSS is under Defense Ministry control. Rabin was defense minister at the time, and though it is unlikely that he knew every detail, GSS policy formed a part of the chain of events, and the film should have examined it. We need to stop pointing accusing fingers, and begin trying to

heal wounds. The Left is too quick to pass judgment on others, and too wary of looking at the broader picture, including its own conduct. Understanding and rapprochement are the urgent need of the day. To these, Karpin's film contributed nothing.

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Gita loves and lives

By HELEN KAYE

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unflappability

They should put a warning notice on the program when Gita (pronounced Jeeta) Muote is in a play. She's a dangerous actress. Watching her gets the adrenalin running, stops the breath. She grabs a role and shakes it into uninhibited life, like a determined kid shakes ripe plums off a tree.

"Of course I'm uninhibited on stage," she says over the phone, too busy with rehearsals to meet, "and if a person can't do that, then they shouldn't be an actor. You always have to aspire to more, to love and live in your professional

She's in the Cameri production of Hanoch Levin's The Whore from Ohio which opens on the Gesher Theater stage in Old Jaffa on May 31. It's the seventh (as far as she remembers) Levin play she's done over the years - the playwright/director picks her because "I'm a good actress," she says in a matter-of-fact way. "We work well together. There's dia-logue between us."

She plays Bronna Tsatzki, old Hoyhitter's (Gabi Amrani) birthday present to himself. It's all the old street beggar can afford. The whore of his dreams and of the title is a high-priced, high-class

American call girl. Bronna is a well-used cheap street prostitute but she's "a woman, a female," Munte says. "It's not important how she got there, or the rot and dirt of her work. She has a soul, dreams, desires, hope, perhaps even a chance, and it's wonderful. The language is beautiful, rhyming



Gita Munte, pictured here with Gabi Amrani (left) and Rami Baruch (right), says of her character in 'The Whore from Ohio:' 'She is a well-used, cheap street prostitute, bot she is still a woman.'

ful language and an ordinary situ-

ation is very much to my taste." In a way she has come full cirele. Her first role on the local stage was as a prostitute. She had one line in the Haifa Theater productioo of the Brecht/Weill The Threepenny Opera. That was in 1970, five mooths after she'd come here from Romania, on a whim as she puts it it, defecting from the cast of A Midsummer poetry. The combination of beauti- Night's Dream which the

Bucharest Theater had taken to a festival in Italy.

In betweeo there have been dozens of leading roles, from Juliet in Romeo and Juliet to the grotesque travesty of Majesty in Decapitation (another Levin play, at Habimah), and the title role in Anna Galactia at the Jerusalem Khan: a total tour de force which won her the 1996 Israel Theater Prize for Best Actress.

She wasn't at the Noga Theater

to receive the prize and the word

was that she was "too nervous" to

come. A belly laugh comes down

the line. "Nervous? I was working,

and I didn't expect to win, really

not. It's nice." She's short, plump and moves lithely, like the dancer she oearly once was. She's not remotely pretty, but she's beautiful just the same because her face is so alive, the gamine showing through.

She was born and grew up in

Bucharest where the regime provided "a rich and varied cultural life. I wanted to be a classical ballet dancer - I'm still attracted to dance - but my parents were against the idea and persuaded me not to go to a professional [training] school. I have a talent for drawing too."

She did the sketches her character does in Anna Galactia. "The hands need to work. The whole body needs to be working on the act of creation, otherwise it's not interesting."

Theater grabbed Munte's attention when she was 14. She graduated from the prestigious Bucharest Academy but jumped ship after only a half a season. It's a small irony that she was Puck in that Midsummer Night's Dream production.

Her first big role at Haifa was Juliet, but she also remembers sitting at home without a part until Nola Chilton cast her as an 80year-old in an Israelized version of Wilder's Our Town "and my career took off again." The Cameri Theater grabbed her in the late '70s and one of her first roles there was Sonya in Uncle Vanya.

Officially she's been a Cameri actress ever since although there was a bad patch in the early '90s when she and the then Cameri management did not see eye to eye. She says Whore is her first Cameri show in six years.

Off-stage she lives on a quiet Tel Aviv street with actor Dov Glickman in an apartment they share with four cats. Their life is unflamboyant. "I don't know why people mix professional and private lives. I take care of the house, the cats, travel, write - all kinds of things. Like everybody does."

Rivka Golani gives the viola a contemporary twist.

A dinosaur far from extinct

By DAVID BRINN

IN TUNE

magine catchy pop luliables set to a blistering guitar attack, and you have the yin and yang of Dinosaur Jr.

A' vehicle for the the writing, singing and playing talents of J. Mascis, Dinosaur Jr. has, been a mainstay on the lo-fi alternative And, during the transition from small underground indic label cult heroes to major-label visionaries for the Lollapalooza crowd, the band has stayed true to course with its white-ooise-meets-lazy-folk-

songs mixture. Hand it Over continues Mascis's fixation with overamped guitars and riveting melodies. The somewhat reclusive mop head, who usually prefers the anonymity of Massachusetts golf courses (where he has a near-pro handicap) to the rock 'n' roll stage is hlessed with a high, ragged imperfect voice which sounds just about perfect on his

Much like his prime influence. Crazy Horse-era Neil Young, Mascis sometimes borders on a country-tinged wall of sludge sound. But, a true child of punk, his tunesmith instincts bursts through the sound barrier to expose him as a melodic craftsman.

Occasionally, Mascis simply beats his songs into submission, like on "I'm Insane," where a little restraint would have revealed the almost hidden delights of the song.
"Alone" is a bit too derivative of Young's "Danger Bird" from Zuma, but elsewhere, Mascis lets his melodie muse roam wild, within the confines of a four-minute pop song. Jarring, passionate and to the point, Dinosaur Jr. clears your ears and gives you something to

HAND IT OVER Dinosaur Jr. (Hed Artzi)

SOUNDTRACK (Hed Artzi)

THE MUSIC

soundtrack to David Lynch's most recent film, Lost Highway is sufficiently weird to complement the wizard of odd's cinematic escapades.

Lynch turned to none other than Nine Inch Nails' guru Trent Reznor for the horrifically incessant techoo-distortions that make up most of the soundtrack.

Reznor looks to his own band, as well as protege Marilyn Manson, for the "midnight at the junkyard"

sound he was looking for.

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film-score routines from Niek Cave alumnus Barry Adamson.

The only out-of-place diversion from the jittery onslaught comes from Lou Reed, who contributes a stomping version of Jay and The Americans' "This Magic Moment" that's as scary in its own way, as any of the other contributions. Reed is under Lynch's spell too, about must be witchcraft. Come to think of it, it fits in bere quite nice-

THE soundtrack to Love Jones is chock full of urban black music ranging from the sophisticated soul pop of Dionne Farris to the funky hip hop of Melky and Day's "I Got a Love Jones for You," a sly takeoff of Cheech and Chong's classic "Basketball Jones" and an explanation of the film title.

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Golani's next **TOWER RECORDS' TOP 15** junction THIS LAST WEEKS ON WEEK WEEK CHARTS

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

the Haifa Symphony Orchestra's last season, Rivka Golani premiered in Oded Zehavi's Viola Concerto. Now she is back for another premiere: Yehezkel Braun's Viola Concerto, entitled Noctuae Carmina, an arrangement of an earlier viola and piano sonata the composer wrote for Golani. This is one of over 30 concerti written especially for her by composers from around

What is it about contemporary music that fascinates the Tel Avivborn violist who oow lives in London?

Golani explains that "contemporary music was and still is part of my overall musical and personal development. It began when I studied with Oedoen Partos. He always brought us new music to work on."

In some ways, Golani blossomed very late. Like many musicians, she did not start with the viola, but the violin. She switched only during ber last year in univer-

"I was very involved in mathematics and painting at the time, and here was an opportunity for me to try new things and to reach unfamiliar ways of expression."

She elaborates that the viola was "always considered a somewhat slower and quieter instrument than the violin. But for me, it was a livelier instrument. I was continually searching for technical improvements on the one hand, and for the virtuoso ways of expression [on the other]."

in the past 50 years, Golani plays the tried-and-tested works of the viola repertoire, such as the concerti by Bartok and Walton, and she arranges 19th-century works

Schumann disc, featuring chamber music originally written for clarinet or horn and piano. She also arranged Penderecki's Second Cello Concerto for viola. "Yon cannot play contemporary music on a very high level without knowing and playing music writ-

ten in other periods," she says. Comparing the Zehavi and Braun Viola Concerti is like comparing the new and the old generations of Israeli composers and the new Israel and the somewhat older Israel. "These are very different works," she says. "Zehavi has a lot of Eastern and Israeli influences in his works while Braun is much more philosophical and spiritual. Of course Zehavi's work is spiritual as well, but it is not spiritual in

it essence." Golani, who was the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra's principal violist in the early '70s, before embarking on an international solo career, is also very active as a painter. "I am an expressionist abstract painter," she says Herwork includes a series of musicrelated caricatures.

And does she think about composing too? The answer is a definite yes. "I know I will write music too, but I need more time for that. I cannot do everything. I have already made a few sketches for a concerto for two violas."

In the coming HSO series of subscription concerts, tomorrow and Thursday at the Haifa Auditorium, Golani plays, aside from the Braun Concerto, Vaughan she plays selections by Rachmaninoff (her own arrange-ment of his Cello Sonata). Schumann, Brahms, Britten and

in brief

Theater

With Steve Stitch's The Open Road (Hebrew title, Derech Hahofesh), Ramat Gan's Hasifriya Theater takes a daring plunge into the precarious realm of problematie theater, a bold decision for which it deserves credit. To put it mildly The Open Road is a "difficult play"; it attempts an intellectual genre that sets a quest for individual conscience, buman

decency, and spiritual and cultural identity against the violent encroachment and

devastating alienation of political, religious and vested interests of any and all times.

Time: the immediate future. Place: here, there, anywhere. Occasion: the end of a civil war. Protagonists: Al and Angel, survivors from opposing camps, oow fighting their way to the Land of the Free. Picaresque in style, in treatment the play is a modern morality tale with a metaphysical overlay and Theater of the Absurd underpinnings (shades of Theater of the Cruel, Edward Bond, and Beckett's Waiting for Godot in which one must include Brecht and Mother Courage's wagon). To that, add a structure of cerebral conflicts interspersed with events of mind-boggling horror, that trigger off the action.

Despite the endless verbosity and pretentiousness of the dia-logue (due perhaps to inept translation?), the production makes a powerful impact. This, thanks to Gadi Inbar's volatile and dynamic direction, his sensitive use of Eli Sinai's striking set, Judy Kuperman's effective lighting and his dramatic montage of musical and percussion effects (Gideon Efrati and Kuhi Naim).

With a text that makes enormous emotional demands on the actors, not a little of its power is due to the performance of Yoram Toledano. His Angel, personification of the common man, captive to the confusing calls of culture, conscience, and eternal hope, is an eogaging presentation, rich in pathos, humor and all-round piety, especially in the final crucifixion scene. Naomi Doudai

Concerts

Norma is one of the finest bel canto (beautiful singing) operas. This Bellini masterpiece is one of the most tender, touching and glorious operas ever written. Bot somehow all this was missing in the concert performance of the opera presented by the Israel Philharmonie Orchestra under the batoo of Pinehas

Because somewhere in the process, orchestra, conductor and singers alike forgot that this is bel canto and instead tried, far from successfully, to perform it as a heroic dramatic Italian opera, which it is not. In past seasons opera performances at the IPO were successful and very exciting, La Boheme earlier this season being a case in point. But this time it was really one of the most blase evenings I attended for a long time. To say that the

singing left a lot to be desired is quite an understatement. Alessandra Marc has a buge instrument but she is not a belcanto singer and Norma is a role she should avoid singing at least until she comes to terms with the vocal style and the emotional depth it calls for. Although towards the end of the opera she manaxed, in tandem with tenor Alberto Cupido as her lover, to overcome some of the problems which emerged earlier on and pre-

a big disappointment. Barbara Dever as the odd-woman-out Adalgisa was the best singer in this cast but she too is much more a dramatie Verdi mezzo. On the podium Steinberg was not able to inject life into the score and led the orchestra with assurance but without any passion. The bottom line is that with these forces, this is one concert the IPO should have never done.

Mann Auditorium Tel Aviv, May 15 Michael Ajzenstadt

Howard Shelley was both soloist and conductor with the Sinfonietta. The British pianist achieved a brilliant surface sound in Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9 in E flat, K271. His presenta-

tion was polished, well-proportioned and virtuosic. On the podium he drew from the Sinfonietta interpretations of Elgar's concerto grosso Introduction and Allegro, Op. 42. and Schobert's Symphony No. 5 in B flat that were equally precise

The atmosphere of rational urbanity Shelley creates was too highly charged for Copland's Quiet City, however. Soloists Guy Sarig, trumpet, and Michal Amit, English horn, were more laid-

back, and ootable for tonal clarity and presence. Beersheba Conservatory, May 17

Max Stern

Dance

The Batsheva Dance Company presented a new work, The Toy Artist, created for Batsheva's dancers hy choreographer Amanda Miller and stage and lighting designer Seth Tillett.

Miller's work tries to dive into the gray areas of illusion, the dancer-artist's consciousness and the void between intent and result. Yet that void on stage was far too wide. Batsheva dancers tried very hard but, accompanied by a music collage centered around an unnerving mechanical music-hox sound, they got nowhere. I can't find one good reason for keeping this work in Batsheva's repertoire.

The evening was not a total loss though, mainly due to Jiri Kylian's serene and profound duet, No Sleep Till Dawn Of Day, danced by Sonia D'Orleans Juste and Yael Schnell to "Nyuba Numuli," an enchanting and measurerizing lullaby from the Solomou Islands. D'Orieans Juste's interpretation of the austere role was tinted delicately with a restrained sensuality that deep-

ened the enigmatic power of Kylian's work. Ohad Naharin's Black Milk, here adapted for male dancers, is always a pleasure to watch with its high energy and subtle humor

Ballet

The Vienna State Opera Ballet performed, at the Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center, two choreographic works by the company's artistic director Renato Zanella - Symphony and Movements, both set to music by Igor Stravinsky, and Das Lied von der Erde - choreographed by Kenneth MacMillan to Mahler's Song-Symphony.

Zanella presented his company in this lavish choreography, filled with broad, sweeping movements where the beauty of the dancers attired in flowing black velvet dresses lined in red silk. repeatedly coming and going through the fluttering violet side currains, obscure cleverly the somewhat old-fashioned approach to Stravinsky's symphony. Zanella had mollified the fiery tensions, the unsettling, creeping danger that is hinted at in the

Five short scenes for five dancers, interlaced with five poems hy Lucian Blaga and Stravinsky's Movements for Piano and Orchestra, give ample opportunity to see the finest, delectable treatment of Zanella in this sharp yet introspective work. The duet of Simona Noja and Wolfgang Grascher was particularly impressive and exposed Noja as a mature, intriguing and truly a great dancer, so it was only right that we got to see her go even further leading the cast of Das Lied von der Erde by MacMillan.

This work was premiered over 30 years ago (by the Stuttgart ballet) and although it has lost some of its edge of startling originality, it still contains, in several scenes, some of his inquisitive nature and ability to plunge into unorthodox movement styles.

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'Truce' entered in Cannes By JOHN FOLLAIN

Teteran Italian maestro Francesco Rosi entered The Truce in the Cannes festival competition last week after a 10year struggle to film the odyssey of Holocaust survivor Primo Levi.

John Turturro, who won the Cannes Golden Palm for best actor in Barton Fink, plays Levi as he emerges, racked by scarlet fever and almost mute, from Auschwitz and zig-zags back home to Turin through a Europe devastated by war.

Thirst thought of doing the film in 1987. I called Primo Levi, I asked him for the book, he was happy to give it to me," said the 74-year-old Rosi, most of whose films, including Lucky Luciano and Carmen, have run in Cannes. "We spoke on the phone for half

an hour. A week later he died tragically [by committing suicide]. I was traumatized," said Rosi. A year and two films later, Rosi obtained the rights to the story but producers in Italy and abroad kept telling him: "But nothing happens in this book." Fellow-director



Primo Levi's courage plays on the big screen.

project in the early 1990s. Despite some emotional scenes, the film falls far short of Levi's classic, and loses much of the author's moral outlook as he and a band of survivors rediscover a desire to live on a nine-month jour-

ney home. Industry bible Variety criticized the film as a "pedestrian adaptation condensing Levi's experience into Martin Scorsese helped save the an episodic series of picaresque and

poignant vignettes that fails to convey the vast human canvas or the emotional impact of [the book]." Thrunto, who had not previously read Levi's works, was picked after Rosi saw Barton Fink in Cannes. "The Truce is the kind of film

that you could never make in Hollywood," the actor said. "We discussed it even before there was a script. It was one of the hardest things I have attempted to do.". Levi was a partisan during World

just after his release from Auschwitz. He published The Truce in 1963. Wary of cliches and eager to differentiate his films from Holocaust movies such as Shoah and Schindler's List, Rosi highlighted Levi's account as based on the death camps but focusing on a subsequent "return to life."
"When I thought of making the

film for the first time, people were no longer speaking about the Holocaust It's very important to return to the theme of suffering and horror, because this horror of the concentration camp has been repeated around the world," Rosi · (Reuter)

War Two and wrote if This is a Man

As well as playing music written for the viola.

She has recently recorded a Partos.

Williams's Flos Campi, a work for viola sola, female choir and orchestra. After these concerts, she presents a recital in Jerusalem, next Monday, in which

BUSINESS

in brief

Speaker to take part in Generali discussion

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon has agreed to participate in a Knesset insurance subcommittee discussion on Assicurazioni Generali's continued refusal to honor insurance policies of Holocaust victims, according to subcommittee chairman Michael Kleiner (Likud-Gesher). The Italian-based insurance company was invited in March to meet senior Knesset Finance Committee members to discuss the issue, but has so far failed to take up the offer.

April rail usage up 12%

Rail passenger use increased by 12 percent last month, compared to April 1996, Israel Railways announced yesterday. Some 438,000 people used the trains in April, making a four-month total of two million since January, a 15% rise on the same period last year. The largest increase in April came again on the Ashdod-Rehovor-Tel Aviv line, up 46% with 76,000 passengers. There was also a 6% increase to 180,000 on the Tel-Aviv-Haifa

Israel, Latvia sign telecom accord

Communications Minister Limor Livnat last week signed an agreement for cooperation in the field of telecom with Latvia. Livnat was visiting the Baltics accompanied by Director-General Daniel Rosenne and a high-level delegation of Israeli businessmen. The Israel-Latvia accord sets down a number of principles, including joint initiatives between the two communications ministries and various research institutes, especially for the development of new technologies. Later in the day, Livnat went to Estonia to sign a similar agreement, and tomorrow morning, a cooperation agreement with Lithuania will be signed

Bezeq-Kol, Bezeq-Bit merge

Bezeq-Kol and Bezeq-Bit have united into a single company called Bezeg-Kol Communications Ltd, it was announced yesterday. The firm also has a new logo and a combined workforce of 250. The new acting managing director is Ya'acov Schwartz. The company markets peripheral telephone equipment and sells and services private telephone exchanges.

Romanian trade delegation visits

The Romanian Ministry of Industry and Commerce and the Romanian-Israeli Chamber of Commerce and Industry will host a six-day trade mission to Israel that begins May 18. The trade ntission will be headed by Liviu Hagea, secretary of state in the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and includes representatives from 25 Romanian companies in the metallurgical, building machinery, electrical, mechanical tools, yarns, cars and accessories industries. The mission coincides with the presentation of Romania's national pavillon at the Technology '97

Albright: Clinton to ask for China trade status

US President Bill Clinton has decided to renew China's most favored nation trading status for the coming year, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said yesterday.

Clinton is expected to announce the move shortly, Albright said in a speech in Wilmington, Delaware. "The administration's view is that our long-term interests are best served by a strategic dialogue with the Chinese leaders on a full range of issues... China with or without MFN status will be a rising force in world affairs," she said.

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Economy grew by 2.8% during 1st quarter

By DAVID HARRIS

The economy grew at an annual rate of 2.8 percent in the first quarter of 1997, according to initial estimates published yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

This growth pace of the gross domestic product (GDP), which continues the trend seen in the last three quarters of 1996, when growth ranged from 2%-3%, reflects a significant slow-down in economic growth, which during the first half of the decade registered an annual average of roughly 7%.

Among the major changes in the economy in the quarter were a substantial increase in exports, and a 50% decline in governmentsponsored housing investments.

vices showed a 13%-14% rise on the previous quarter. Over the last year, exports grew 6%.

Imports, excluding military pur-chases, ships, and airplanes, and after seasonal adjustments increased 5%-6% in the first quarter.

Private consumption expenditure rose at an annual 7%, which equates to 5% per capita growth. This follows a considerable reduction in per capita private consump-tion between October and December.

There was an annual 59 decrease in expenditure on durable goods (this comprises some 12% of all private consumption). This is a conunuation of the trend in the final quarter of 1996. Durable

The export of goods and ser- goods include motor vehicles, furniture, and household equipment. The main decline was in the per capita purchase of vehicles, down 26%. This was offset to some extent by a 28% increase in furni-

ture purchases. Per capita private consumption. excluding durables, increased at an annual 6%, after a 13% decrease in the final quarter of 1996.

Investments in fixed assets were unchanged, continuing the stag-nancy recorded since July. However, investments in machinery and vehicles for industry fell by an annual 33%.

"There is an increasing consensus amongst forecasters that growth this year will only reach 1%-2%," said Hebrew University

professor of public finance Eytan Sheshinski, who maintains the economy is not yet recessionary but in serious slowdown. "They are all downscaling their estimates for growth."

There must be an immediate joint cut in Bank of Israel interest rates by at least 1% and a budget cut of NIS 700 million to NIS 800m., according to Sheshinski.

However, economist Haim Ben-Shahar, of Ben-Shahar Associates, was not prepared to blame the slowdown on the central bank's interest policy. "I do not see any justification for reducing interest rates," he said. "This has become a

Treasury fixation." In terms of reasons for the slowdown, Ben-Shahar offered:

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· The diplomatic situation. which is causing doubts in the

minds of investors. · The 1996 increase in public expenditure, which lead to the government budget cut, and the

need for a further cut this year.

• Exports in 1995 and 1996 were down from exports in 1993 and 1994 by some S%. However, initial indications this year, seem to suggest an increase in exports.

Officials in the Finance Ministry refused to discuss the suggestion of sub-2% growth until they begin discussing the 1998 budget next month.

Currency market reform deadlocked

By DAVID HARRIS

Nine months after the Bank of Israel handed the Treasury a blueprint for a major liberalization of the currency market, the two bodies are 'not even close to finalizing" the measures, according to a senior central bank source.

The main sticking point in the talks, led by the bank's Supervisor of Foreign Currency David Klein and Finance Ministry Director-General Shmuel Slavin, concerns institutional investors' permission to invest abroad,

At present, an institutional investor, such as a mutual fund. bank, or pension fund, is only allowed to invest overseas a maximum of 2 percent of its total capital. One of the central bank's main recommendations is to increase that figure to 5%.

The Treasury initially objected to this, but then offered to introduce the measure incrementally over several years. The central bank agreed, but the source claims the Treasury then said that every change in a particular portfolio would also have to be made incrementally.

"You can't manage a portfolio like that," said the source. "That's not a liberalization, but an increase in regulation."

While some agreements have been reached, there are a number of major outstanding issues to be resolved, according to the source. Refusing to enter into specifics.

Treasury spokesman Eli Yosef agreed that there are still differences of opinion. Some measures that were

approved by the bank and Treasury in February:

 Citizens can now deposit more from foreign currency loans. It is now possible for Israelis to

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The latest model

Nissan Motor Co. President Yoshikazu Hanawa unveils the company's new luxury Caravan/Homy Elgrand at a Tokyo hotel

COMPANY RESULTS

Tadiran Telecom net down 58%

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

Tadmin Telecommunications Ltd. vesterday reported a 58 percent drop in tirst-quarter net income to \$5.1 million from \$11.9tm; in the same quarter last year

Revenues for the quarter were up to \$116.9m., a 2% increase over last year Ham Rosen. Tadiran

Telecommunications president and CEO, said the decline in profitability

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keting expenses. The Petah Tikvabased maker of telecommunication equipment and systems is currently focusing it efforts on increasing overseus sales as it braces for a commued

drop in orders from the local market. We saw Bezey as a strategic customer, but this is a large conpany that has to keep up with the competition," Rosen said. The results "reflect our fundamental shift from a domestic to an export-

oriented organization. Sales to Bezeq in the first quar-

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ter of 1997 dropped to \$30m. from \$56m, in the same period last year. while exports rose to \$6.3m. from \$36in, over the same period.

TT1 Team Telecom International Ltd. recently announced a firstquarter rise in net income to \$462,000 from \$128,000 in the same period last year.

Revenues for the period were also up, totaling \$2.7m., compared with \$1.4m. in the first guarter of 1996. The company antributed the results

to its success in winning new contracts, naming a recent deal with Telus Communications of Calgary, Canada. TTI Team Telecom of Petah Tikva develops integrated software products and services for network systems in the telecom-

munications industry.

Taldor Computer Systems yesterday reported a 19% increase in net profits from NIS 1.22m. in the first quarter of 1996 to NIS 1.46m. in the same period this year. Revenues for the quarter were

up 35% to NIS 50.23m. Based in Ramat Gan, Taldor's activities include the development and support of information systems, security software and managing the installation of computer system.

US firms to block junk E-mail

MENLO PARK, California (Reuter) - A privately held Internet company said it would announce late yesterday a pact with a big sender of bulk commercial E-mail solicitations that can enable registered voters to block junk E-mail.

John Phillips, president of San Francisco-based Aristotle, said in an interview Sunday that the deal with Cyber Promotions Inc. and its president Sanford Wallace could help control unwanted bulk E-mail advertising.

Wallace's Cyber Promotions is said to account for more than 4 million electronic mail advertisements a day and his methods have resulted in recent lawsuits brought by service providers and prompted heated Internet debate.

Phillips said some Internet experts have expressed surprise that his company's fledgling Internet business would establisb a direct deal with a service which has been subjected to scathing commentary in Web discussions.

But he said the deal could put additional legal teeth into individual requests to block the electronic mail advertising because Aristotle has created legal electronic mailboxes covering the nation's 138 million voters.

Internet users have complained in the past that Cyber Promotions has not honored requests to remove them from its lists permanently and the service has been accused of taking unusual measures to circumvent

"We're bringing the lion into the den." Phillips said in an interview ahead of yesterday's announcement. "Ulumately, his [Wallace's] customers are not all that interested in sending mail to people who get pissed off."

The agreement addresses the practice on the Internet known as spannming" - widely detested by individuals whose electronic mailboxes can quickly fill up with unwanted E-mail solicitations and by companies and Internet service providers whose services can be clogged by the messages. Two separate court cases in the

last twelve months, brought by Prodigy Service Corp. and America Online Inc., have dealt a blow to Cyber Promotions's Email practices. In the America Online case a federal judge ruled the company had no constitutional right to send such messages. Under the Aristotle deal, any

registered US voter may request

the blocking service at (www.aristotle.org) for up to five electronic mail addresses, Phillips said. The service is free and part of Aristotle's effort to leverage its database of 138 million voters

nationwide into an Internet-based

Aristotle, which is also seeking roughly S2 million in early stage venture investment for its E-mail business, has established legal electronic mailboxes for each US voter for receiving government

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The final date for the purchese of the RFP documents, which was announced on April 14, 1997, has been extended to Thursday, May 29, 1997. The documents may be purchased from Mr. Yosaf Grinzweig, The Ministry of the Interior, Kiryat Ben-Gurion, 2 Renov Kaplan. Room 105, Jerusalem, from Standey to Thursday, between the huurs of 9:00 a m and 1:00 p m

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Stocks drop on M1 increase

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Stock indexes fell after a higher-

than-expected increase in M1

money supply in April blunted

optimism the Bank of Israel will

lower interest rates. The M1 rose

2.3 percent in the month after

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from February. Chemical companies declined as the dollar weakened against the shekel in recent days. Exporting chemical companies are hurt by a stronger shekel, because they earn

Dead Sea Bromine 0.5%, and Makhteshim 1.5%. The Maof Index fell 0.60% to 271.63 and the Mishtanim Index 0.68% to 264.04. The general bond maex fell 0.09%.

in dollars and pay expenses in shekels. Israel Chemicals fell 2.25

percent, Dead Sea Works 3%,

"Stocks are falling due to a com-bination of M1 and politics," said Doron Tsur, head of research at Sahar Securities. "There's less

chance now of a rate cut. There are headlines that Oslo is stuck," he added. "It's not new, but it doesn't help."

Nearly twice as many shares fell as rose. About NIS 126 million in shares changed hands, NIS 2.2m. below Sunday's level. Declining shares included Discount Investments, which had gained in recent days due to expectations it

subsidiary Cellcom.

Discount Investments did say on Sunday that its first-quarter net income rose 21%. There were leaks that Cellcom would do well, so the stock went up; it increased faster than the index," said Tsur. "Now investors are selling."

Other falling shares included Teva Pharmaceuticuls, which fell 1%, and Bezeg dropped 0.5%. Teva's American depositary receipts rose 1/2 to 59 in early trading.

Tadiran rose 15 after subsidiary Tadiran Telecommunications said firstquarter net income dropped 58% because of increased marketing expenses. Tadiran Telecom wasn't a surprise," Tsur said. "Last year, they had an exceptional year, and everyone was aware it wouldn't be the same this year."

Koor closed unchanged. Koor's ADRs were down 1/8 at 17 5/8 in early trading. Banks were mixed, with Bank Leumi rising 2%. Bank Hapoalim fell 1.25%; Israel Discount Bank 1.5%, and First International Bank 0.25%.

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WALL STREET REPORT

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Stocks end higher; unfazed by Fed meeting

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Stocks age was up 34.21 points at 7,228.88, bouncing back from Friday's sellclosed on an upbeat note yesterday as Wall Street was unfazed by the possibility that the Federal Reserve might raise interest rates at its policy-setting meeting today.

The Dow Jones industrial aver- New York Stock Exchange.

off of nearly 140 points. In the broader market, advancing issues led declines [3-1] on moderate volume of 347 million shares on the

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Eli Cohen named new coach of **Hapoel Tel Aviv**

By DEREK FATTAL

Eli Cohen, the man who guided this season's National League champions. Betar Jerusalem, to their third-ever title success last weekend was officially named yesterday as the man who will coach Hapoel Tel Aviv next season.

The appointment completes a bizarre case of musical chairs which sees Cohen step into the shoes of Dror Kashtan, the man appointed on Sunday to be his own replacement at Beiar during the next campaign.

Despite Cohen's undeniable prowess over the last year at Betar he has maintained an uneasy rela-

Jerusalem outfit follows months of speculation over his future with the

Hapoel Tel Aviv's chief executive Moni Orenstein also announced vesterday the appointment of Emanuel Sheffer, the man who steered Israel to its one-and-only appearance in the World Cup Finals, in Mexico in 1970, to oversee the

clubs' youth development program. The Hapoel board clearly hopes that its new professional management team can revive the reds' former glory days after a nightmare season in which the club was wrenched from the ownership of the Histadrut, divested itself of former coach Moshe Sinai, and only tionship with his board the last few escaped relegation by a whisker under the command of Kashtan.

Rangers edge Flyers to tie series 1-1

PHILADELPHIA (Reuter) -Wayne Gretzky racked up a hat trick. Mark Messier had a goal and two assists and the New York Rangers held on for a 5-4 win over the Philadelphia Flyers to tie the Eastern Conference finals at a game each on Sunday.

Gretzky had back-to-back fluke goals on the power play in a 1:59 span of the first period, then completed his 10th career playoff hat trick, and his third of this series, midway through the second to put the Rangers ahead for good 4-3.

New York has dropped the first game in nine straight playoff series, but has come back to win Game Two seven times. The Rangers wrested home-ice

advantage in the series and host Game Three today. In the first two periods, New York abandoned the defensive style it has

employed throughout the postseason. But Gretzky blunted a Philadelphia rally with his third goal of the game. It came just two minutes after Rod Brind'Amour scored to boost the Flyers into a 3-3 tie.

Gretzky held up just inside the Philadelphia zone before cutting to the top of the slot and firing a slap shot that deflected into the net off goaltender Garth Snow's glove.

The goal extended Gretzky's own record with his 120th career playoff

"I don't know I got a little bit lucky," Gretzky said, "On the first goal the puck bounced off the glass in front to me and I was the one who got there.

"On the second I just wanted to throw it in front, and it went through the goalie's legs, hit the defenceman (Karl Dykhuis) on the toe and went in. The third goal Snow got his glove on it, but it dropped on him, Messier broke in 2-on-1 with Gretzky just over four minutes later and put a wrist shot through Snow's pads from the right faceoff circle for his third playoff goal and first since Game Five of the opening round.

It chased Snow, who surrendered five goals on only 10 shots and was replaced by Ron Hextall.

Hextall kept the Flyers in the game by stopping Esa Tikkanen on a breakaway and Philadelphia closed within 5-4 with 4:49 to go in the period. Shjon Podein and Joel Otto came in 2-on-1 and worked a give-and-go, with Podein deflecting Otto's pass into the net.

But New York smothered the Flyers in the third period, holding them to eight shots and limiting them to a handful of scoring chances.

Ukraine trounce Israel XV 51-15

By JOEL GORDIN

trounced 51-15 at the weekend by Ukraine in their fourth and final game of the first preliminary round of Rugby World Cup 1999.

The defeat, in the Ukraine port city of Odessa, puts paid to Israel's hopes of advancing to the next qualification round.

The came was evenly matched in the first 30 minutes, the period during which Israel scored all its points - tries by Tzahi Tzfadia and Dean DuPlessis and a conversion and a penalty by DuPlessis. But with 1en minutes left in the first period, the home team's heavier forwards over-

RATES

powered Israel and Ukraine stormed ahead to lead 27-15 at The national rugby team were half time. They retained the initiative in the second period and Israel did not present a further

> Ukraine are, in fact, the winners of the five-team pool A of the European zone and will are the only team go forward to the next round.

Israel were second in the pool having beaten Austria (15-3), drawn with Switzerland (9-9) and lost to Yugoslavia (10-7). As a result Israel will be given a higher rating for the next world cup. The national squad will now start training for the 15th Maccabiah to be held in July.



BLINDED - Anaheim Angels shortstop Gary Discarcina covers bis head after he was momentarily blinded by the sun and lost sight of the hall (right), allowing Milwaukee Brewers' Gerald Williams a double in first-inning action of the game in Anaheim. Anaheim

Orioles rally in ninth inning to sweep Seattle

SEATTLE (Reuter) - Rafael Palmerio's two-out, two-run single in the top of the ninth innning turned a one-run deficit into a one-run lead as the Baltimore Orioles swept the Mariners in Seattle for the first time in nearly eight years, 8-7, oo Sunday.

The Orioles rallied from a 7-6 deficit in the ninth when Eric Davis led off with a single and moved to second on Cal Ripken's one-out single to center field.

Norm Charlton (2-3) walked B.J. Surhoff to load the bases but struck out Jeffrey Hammonds. Palmeiro followed by lacing a 1pitch into short centre field, scoring pinch-runner Tony Tarasco and Ripken, who just beat the throw to the plate for an 8-7 lead.

Indians 8, Blue Jays 6 bomered twice and drove in three runs and Chad Ogea pitched 6 1/3 innings for his second straight win as the Cleveland Indians posted an 8-6 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

SCOREBOARD

TENNIS - Pete Sampras had to retire from his opening match of the World Team Cup against Australia's Mark Philippoussis in Duesseldorf yesterday after straining u

left thigh muscle.

World number one Sampras was leading
6-4, 4-6, 1-0 when he began to experience
pain in the same leg that hampered him at
the Italian Open to Rome

Williams blasted a two-ruo shot in the first and added a solo homer, his 13th, leading off the third as Cleveland stormed to a 7-2 lead.

The Blue Jays have lost four of their last six games after winning

Tigers 6, Royals 5 In Kansas City, Tony Clark went 4-for-5 with an RBI single in a three-run seventh inning, and former Royal Bob Hamelin had a pair of run-scoriog singles to lead the Detroit Tigers to a 6-5 victory over the Kansas City Royals. Clark, Travis Fryman and Hamelin had RBI singles in the seventh to give Detroit a 6-4 lead.

Kansas Čity's Mike Sweeney hit two homer runs. Twins 7, Red Sox S At Minnesota, Pat Meares had In Toronto, Matt Williams a two-run single to cap a five-run first inning and the Minnesota Twins held on for a 7-5 victory over the Boston Red Sox in the rubber-game of a three-game set.

Rich Robertson won the game.

allowing five runs - two earned

Rick Aguilera, the sixth

Minnesota pitcher, allowed one hit in a scoreless ninth inning for his seventh save.
NATIONAL LEAGUE

Braves S, Cardinals 1

In Atlanta, Tom Glavine pitched a seven-hitter for his second complete game of the season and Jeff Blauser's two-run double highlighted a three-run seventh inning as the Atlanta Braves beat the St. Louis Cardinals 5-1. Glavine (5-2) struck out four and walked two. His only mistake

was Ron Gant's seventh homer of the year in the fourth inning.

The Cardinals Andy Benes
retired 19 consecutive batters before Javy Lopez singled with two outs in the seventh inning. Mark Lemke followed with a

single before Blauser's double Cubs 5, Giants 3

In Chicago, Sammy Sosa's second home run of the game, a solo sbot in the seventh inning.

snapped a tie and lifted the Chicago Cubs to a 5-3 victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Sosa belted a 2-0 pitch from Julian Tavarez (0-2) over the centre field fence to give Chicago a 4-3 lead. The Cubs added an insurance run in the seventh on an RBI single by Ryne Sandberg.

Expos 7, Dodgers 4
In Montreal, Mike Lansing had five hits and drove in three runs, and Pedro Martinez went seven innings to win his seventh game, leading the Montreal Expos to 7-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Lansing had two singles, two doubles, a solo bomer, a stolen base and scored three runs.
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Becker's French Open hopes ruined by injury

PARIS (Reuter) - Boris Becker's hopes of winning the French Open, the only Grand Slam crown still eluding him, were dashed yesterday when he had to pull out of the championships.

Organizers announced the 29year-old German had withdrawn through injury from the biggest clay-court tournament in the world, starting next Monday.

They did not give details, but Becker's season has been hampered by a lingering wrist injury which allowed him to play in only two tournaments in the past three months, in Monte Carlo and Hamburg.

Three times a semifinalist in Paris, in 1987, 1989 and 1991, Becker has had to pull out of the French Open on three previous occasions - 1992, 1994 and last

In his t3 years on the circuit, Becker has never won a clay-court tournament.

He will be replaced in the men's draw by Italian Andrea Gaudenzi. Becker, ranked 12th in the world at present, was the second seed to pull out of the French Open, after American Todd Martin last week.

Their withdrawals meant Britain's Tim Henman and Swiss Marc Rosset, ranked 17th and 18th in the world respectively. would be seeded.

Britain to ban tobacco sports sponsorship

HARROGATE (AP) - Prime Minister Tony Blair's new Labor government announced yesterday it would ban cigarette advertising and bar the sponsorship of sports events by tobacco companies.

The move could have a huge effect on motor racing teams and some golf events.
"We recognize that some sports

are heavily dependent on tobacco spoosorship," Health Secretary Frank Dobson said, describing the draft legislation.

"We don't want to harm these sports but they must recognize that by belping promote the sales of tobacco they are harming the health of many of their own sports spectators and viewers." The government would give the sports involved time to reduce their dependency on tobacco and find other sponsors, Dobson told the annual congress of the Royal College of Nursing in Harrogate, northern England.

"I hope that during this process we will be spared the claims by the tobacco industry that their advertising is not designed to promote sales," Dobson said "The fact is that the tobacco industry, unique amongst all industries, kills around 120,000 of its own customers every year." The move would have a major effect of the sponsorship of motor racing teams as well as some golf tournaments, who have been heavily backed by tobacco compa-

Last week, announcing its legislarive program, the new government made a commitment to ban tobacco advertising. But Dobson's statements yesterday made clear for the first time that it would also bar sports sponsorship, as well.

The legislation being drafted, Dobson said, "will cover all forms of tobacco advertising including sponsorship."

Spurs win NBA draft lottery; Celtics pick third and sixth

SECAUCUS, NJ (Reuter) -The San Antonio Spurs were rewarded for the worst season in franchise history when they bucked tremendous odds in favor of the Boston Celtics and on Sunday won the first pick in the NBA draft lottery.

The Spurs now are in position, when the NBA draft is held on June 25, to pair Robinson with Wake Forest centre Tim Duncan, the consensus top player available.

Decimated by injuries, specifically to All-Star centre David Robinson, the Spurs finished 20-62, the third-worst record in the

Duncan would provide immediare help to the Spurs, who have been looking for a power forward to team with Robinson since trading Dennis Rodman in 1995.

The Celtics (15-67) were favored to win the lottery, holding their own slot and that of the Dallas Mavericks. But despite owning 264 of 1,000 possible combinations, their name did not come up until the drawing for the third pick.

The Philadelphia 76ers (22-60). who selected Rookie of the Year Allen Iverson with the top overall

pick last year, will pick second. The Vancouver Grizzlies (14-68) will pick fourth, followed by the Denver Nnggets (21-61) and the Celtics again.

Sunday's bad luck continued a remarkable string for the Celtics, who have never made the top overall pick. They had it in 1980. but dealt it to the Golden State Warriors in a trade.

The New Jersey Nets will pick seventh, followed by the Golden State Warriors, Toronto Raptors, Milwaukee Bucks, Sacramento Kings, Indiana Pacers and Cleveland Cavaliers.

LOCAL SCENE

Ramat Gan bowlers win Wingate Fives Michael Bannister, husband-and-wife combina-

By HEATHER CHAIT

Ramat Gan came out trumps in the Wingate Fives tournament, adding the win to their Premier Division League title.

The squad of George Kaminsky, Maximo Wagensberg, Rani Oron, Alex Harpuz, Avi Rakiya, Yair Gavish and Alfredo Liderman won by a single point over Kfar Hamaccabiah, Ramat Gan won the trips and the fours with the pairs going to the Kfar's Chaim Miller and Michael Stange. Colin Silberstein of Ra'anana won the singles

trophy after he beat Miller in the final round, winning six of his seven games. The final log positions were Ramat Gan (4)]. Kfar (40). Ra anana (37), Haifa (28), Ramat Hasharon (26), Savyon (23), Netanya (19),

Jerusalem (10).

Haifa race: Runners have a choice of three distances in today's Sixth Haifa Race which starts at 5.45 p.m. There is the 2,500 meter run, from Gan Ha'em to Dan Carmel Hotel for schoolchildren, the 3,000m alone Sderot Hanassi and Monah Road for 13-17 year olds and the challenging, uphill 8,000m. race from Gan Ha'em via the center of Ahuza to the Reali School. The first male and female runners home will receive NIS2.500. Golf: The Friday competition at Caesarea golf

club was a pairs medal round. Finishing first with 142 strokes were Bruce Waters and Michael Kaufman. At one under par 145 were. Modi Kidon and Meshi Zvika while third and on par were Yoram Arbel and Moshe Shapira. Mimi and

tion, had 147 and the last two places were filled by Yitzhak Dankner and Eli Hasson on 150 and Mari Geri and Lennie Landes on 151. Mehoziada: Over 4000 sportspeople from 120 of Jerusalem's workplaces have invaded Eilar

today for the Mehoziada, the sports competition for workers. Among the events are soccer, basketball, volleyball and tennis with entrants from govemment departments, the Knesset, municipality and the media. There will even be some real-life sports person-

alities from the past such as Haim Hadad. Moni Weizman, Uri Malmillian and David Yishai, Behind the fun, the event is dedicated to Miriam Tzarfi, a victim of the Bus 405 tragedy in 1989. Athletics: Itai Margalit just didn't stop flying

after his plane landed here from Kansas City. One hour after arrival, he competed and won the high jump event at an invitation competition at Hadar Yosef. Margalit's result, 2.24 meters, left national champion Constantin Matusevich in second place with 2.20m,

Winning the 10,000m race were Ayla Setegn (29:42.52) and Ella Krimus (35:57.07). Sailing: The bronze medalist from Atlanta in the

470- division. Alona Pacoholacik from Ukraine. will compete in the world championships to be held in Tel Aviv at the end of August

Pacholacik. 32, is married to a Jewish businessman whose parents live in Ramat Gan. Meanwhile the national sailing team left this week for the Netherlands to enter an international competition which begins tomorrow. The team is Anat Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi, Eli Zuckerman and Saar Behr and Ze'ev Kalach and David Schwartz. Sailing in the mistral category are Gal Friedman, Amit Inbar, Amir Levinson, Michal Hein and Sivan Yosef.

Cricket: Lions Lod breezed through against Yeruham in the first division. Lod (J. Masil 46, Y. Nagavkar 43) scored 195 for 8 against Yeruham's 29 off 19 overs

Young Ashdod made 199 for 9 to beat Netanya's

In the second division, Petah Tikva scored 187 for 9 while Dimona C managed just 111 in reply. Dimona A, however, scored 160 for 3 to beat

Beersheba B who were left with 156. In this week's first division fixtures, Ashdod A will host Neveh Yonatan and Beersheba A will host Tel Aviv, while in the second division Ramle and Lod will play at Hadar Yosef and Eleven Stars will

travel to Kiryat Gat. Maccabiah moments: If nothing else, the Maccabiah this year will not be disparagingly called 'The Jewish Olympics,' Why? Because for the first time non-Jews have been invited, some to compete as guests. Topping the list of definites is recently retired termis beauty Gabriella Sabatini.

Pele has also confirmed his appearance and waiting In the wings are Diego Maradona, Franz Beckenbauer and Johan Cruyff.

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The Six Day. War made him a hero. The Yom Kippur War made him a pariah. Hillel Mittelpunkt's long-running Gorodish is also the story of Israel's fall from arrogant euphoria to the trauma of reality. The production is stronger than the play and blessed with fine acting and good direction by the author. Yigal Naor stars in the title role. On the Cameri Theater mainstage tonight at 8:30. (Hebrew with simultaneous translation into English)

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Pinchas Steinberg leads the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in Schubert's Mass in E flat major and Mozart's 39th Symphony tonight, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv (8:30 except Friday at 2 and Saturday at 9).
Uriel Segal leads the Kibbutz Chamber

Orchestra in Mozart's 40th Symphony and Beethoven's Coriolan Overture. Yossi Arnheim plays Michael Wolpe's Flute Concerto. Tonight in Ein Hahoresh, tomorrow in Yad Lebanim in Holon, Thursday in Sde Boker and next Sunday in Nahariya (8:30). There is also one performance in Tel Aviv this coming Saturday (11.11 a.m) at Tzavtz.

British conductor Howard Shelley leads the Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba in Copland's Quiet City, Elgar's Introduction and Allegro for Strings and Schubert's Fifth Symphony. He then leaves the podium for the piano in order to play and conduct, from the keyboard, Mozart's Ninth Piano Concerto (K.271). Tonight in Beersheba, tomorrow in Ashkelon and Thursday at the Tel Aviv Museum (8;30).

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

***1/2 THE ENGLISH PATIENT -Watching Anthony Minghella's Oscar-winning film after absorbing the clouds of second-hand smoke blown our way by the PR people and by positive, if five-month-old, word of mouth from friends abroad, it's hard to grasp exactly what the great fuss was about.

The picture seems, at this late date, little more



Pinchas Steinberg wields the baton with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

than a respectably made bit of high-class kitsch, a sometimes moving, often rather silly love story set in a series of exotic locales and peppered with just enough literary leavings from Michael Ondaatje's lyrical novel to make it acceptable to "discriminating" viewers.

It's a rare film these days that dares venture such overwrought good looks and gushing emo-tions, and for this sensual extravagance Minghella does deserve praise. The movie is admirably free of cynicism. (At two hours and 40 minutes, it's also much too long.) With Ralph Fiennes, Kristin Scott Thomas and Juliette Binoche. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Not recommended for children.)

TELEVISION

HELEN KAYE

Israel's jazz busband and wife team, percussionist singer Iris Portugali with Ofer on piano and keyboard, bring their successful collaboration with singer/guitarist Alon Olearchik to Channel 2







CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Removed pear found in cold cheese (10) 6 Endless story about

perfumed powder (4) 10 Some soprano howling? Not at all (5)

11 After rejecting study, go with nearly everybody who's active at night (9) 12 Lady does go round over half the cricket ground (7)

13 Greek charactar can embrace one from a mountainous area (7) 14 It should keep cool even

when temperatures all round are high (12) 18 It goes right through a representative sampla

21 Rained stormily round old capital according to this

barometer (7) 23 One reckons it is useful in a shop (7) 24 Skeleton service for use at dinner or tea? (4,5)

25 Sweet coating a danger to aeroplanes (5) 26 Cure gambolling fawn (4) 27 Dashed? (10) DOWN

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3 Quite unable to appear on stage? (9,2,3) 4 Hostelry costs nothing at

the island in the lake! (9)

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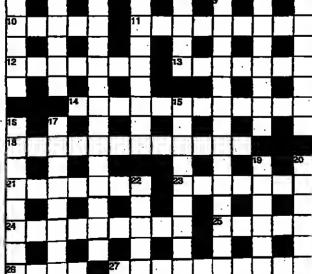
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in brief

ULA intensifies protest

The Union of Local Authorities protest action ended its sixth day yesterday, with local residents attempting to block major junctions around the country, including at Ben-Gurion Airpon. The action caused traffic jums, but police managed to keep the roads open and made no arrests.

"This government's coldheartedness has forced the heads of local authorities to take unusually drastic measures," ULA head

About 50 local authority heads arrived at the office of Finance Minister Dan Meridor in Jerusalem, and blocked the entrance. After an hour, police were called in to enable Meridor to leave his office. Police scuffled with the local

In the afternoon, the local leaders sat down in the road leading to the Prime Minister's Office. The ULA said its leaders were "violently removed from the road" by police and border policemen, and some had to be treated by a Magen David Adom ambulance called to the scene.

Eldar said the local authorities would continue their strike, because the government had made no effort in the past six days to solve the debt problem of the local authorities.

Nurses strike postponed

A nationwide strike of 2,000 public health nurses that was due to begin today has been postponed until further notice.

The union vesterday said it changed its plans because of "signs of a positive arrangement" in which the state would cover all the costs of family health (tipat halav) centers, except for providing the buildings that house them and their

Public health nurses work in 500 centers, providing immunizations and early diagnosis of disabilities in infants, supervising pregnancies, monitoring infectious disease in their area, and providing advice to the elderly.

Jerusalem school strike called off

A threatened strike of Jerusalem schools scheduled for tomorrow was called off yesterday after a meeting between a representative of the Prime Minister's Office and members of the Jerusalem district parents association. The Jerusalem Municipality also undertook the financing of security guards for

the rest of the current school year.

It was agreed that the Prime Minister's Office would ask the head of the unit for fighting terrorism and the Internal Security Ministry to look into the issue of security at Jerusalem schools, and to study the overall guarding of educa-tional facilities in general and Jerusalem in particular for the coming school year.

Internet site shows defense wares

By JUDY SIEGEL

The first gene mutation causing ovarian and breast cancer to be discovered solely in Israel has

been announced by researchers at Sneba Hospital

The new mutation was found to appear in

Jewish women originating in Iran and

Afghanistan, Women from these communities

have been considered at low risk to develop these

diseases, compared to the general population.

Thirteen driving examiners were

remanded for periods of four to

eight days by Haifa Magrarate's

Court yesterday on suspicion of

being involved in an alleged "licens-

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placed them under house urrest.

at Tel Hashomer.

The Defense Ministry, the Export Institute, and the defense industries have opened an Internet site displaying their wares at the 47th Paris air show, which is taking place until the end of

Nineteen Israeli civilian and military companies are represented at the show in several pavilions, compared to only 16 at the last show in 1995. Their products are presented on the site. which appears in English and French. The location is http://www.airshow.mod.gov.il.



17th Golani Run

Golani Brigade soldiers keep up the pace Sunday on their annual Mt. Hermon to Ellat run, which is to end Thursday. (IDF Spokesman)

Zissman blasts Hammer

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Knesset Education Committee chairman Emanuel Zissman yesterday criticized Education Minister Zevulun Hammer's flip-flop on the matriculation exams, and called for the exam in Bible to always be mandatory

"I heard criticism of the lottery system from the minister 2!! year. but he had a whole year to decide on the matter, and didn't have to do so at the last moment and secretly." Zissman said.

"To me. Bible is what has set the Jewish people apart over the generations, and it should be removed from the lottery, with this system continued regarding the other sub-

Zissman expressed his satisfac-

Sheba researchers find gene

linked to breast, ovarian cancers

Epidemiological studies have shown that of

2,200 new cases of breast cancer and 360 of over-

ian cancer in this country each year, three-quarters

are in women of Ashkenazi origin and a quarter in

women of Sephardi origin. But in families of

have struck several women, the mutation has been

found in all the women examined so far.

Dr. Eitan Friedman, director of the once-

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ic unit at the Tel Hashonier hospital, said that new

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tion over Hammer's agreeing to hold the lottery this year in the end, and said in September the ministry would bring the committee its proposal for a method of choosing the matriculation exam

subjects next year. "I want to commend the pupils. who are part of our democratic system and knew how to stand up for their rights," Zissman said.

MK Dalia Itzik (Labor) sharply criticized Hammer, saying: "How will the education minister, the father of all educators, look the pupils in the eyes while he tells hald-faced lies on the one hand and talks about ethics on the other. The minister did something terrible and should resign.

"I advise the minister and the director-general to say that some-

origins who have had cases of breast or ovarian carner in their families should come and be tested.

This found to bear the mutation should undergo

periodic examinations by their doctors to detect

Friedman said the hospital had developed a

technique that allows the accurate diagnosis of the

nutration without the use of radioactive materials.

Same of the women found to have the mutation

and who had finished giving birth had their

ovaries removed as a preventive measure.

the disease early, if it does appear.

thing was done here without think-Education Ministry Directoring, and must be reconsidered," said MK Ruby Rivlin (Likud). "The lottery is a good system and should

Meretz MK Naomi Chazan said: Not only did the minister mislead, cheat and lie to the pupils, but so did the whole educational system which had a hand in this ... You lied and did-

n't even ask forgiveness." "The impression was created that public pressure and the pupils are what caused the minister to change his mind, and this is not good from an educational standpoint," Likud MK Ze'ev Boim said.

MK Shmuel Halpert (United Torah Judaism) put a different spin on his criticism, saying: "What was behind the whole storm was the fact that there are those who are afraid to

be tested in Bible."

General Benzion Dell, appearing before the committee, said: "The minister said at the beginning of the year that he agreed to the idea of only four required exams, but that he was not happy with the lottery

"For this reason, he thought that having a committee of expens was a better system. The result regarding the selection of tests as regards the pupils was the same. The whole matter regards only the manner the tests were chosen this year. For next year, we will reconsider how to make things easier on the pupils. We must also remember that the matriculation certificate is a tool, and it has become

AROUND THE WORLD

Winning cards

The winning cards in yesterday's first Chance draw were the seven of spades, 10 of hearts, nine of diamonds and eight of clubs. The results of the second draw were the 10 of spades, jack of hearts, queen of diamonds and king of clubs.

Increase shown in new cases of multiple sclerosis

By JUDY STEGEL

A 15 percent increase in the numhas been reported during the past two years, largely due to the rela-tively high incidence of the neurological disorder among immigrants from the CIS.

Jeanine Weisberg, director of the Israel Multiple Sclerosis Society, reported Sunday that there are 5,000 MS patients in Israel today, and 1,500 of them are society members. Dr. Roni Milo, an Assaf Harofeh Hospital neurologist who runs its MS service, said that ethnic and geographical differences account for variations in the incidence of the disease, which causes the immune system to attack the myelin sheath on the nerves and can cause paralysis, blindness, and other disabilities. The chronic disease most often hits women and and is first diagnosed in people 20 to 40.

Mile said that although a compre hensive epidemiological study has not yet been completed, doctors who treat MS patients believe the significant increase is due to the increasing frequency of MS around the world, and the fact that some 700,000 immigrants have arrived from the former Soviet Union in recent years. The farther one lives from the equator, the higher the incidence of the disease.

The society's annual conference will take place at Ichilov Hospital in Friday. Participants will hear lectures on new and future treatments. relaxation therapies, and support techniques for families. The conference is being supported by Schering-Agis, which markets Betaferone, one of the drugs given to MS patients.

to save health system By JUDY STEGEL Health Minister Yehoshua Marza,

Matza appeals to PM

enraged over Treasury efforts to impede agreement on a package deal to save the health system, vesterday handed over responsibility for the issue to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Mataz's step followed the breakdown in negotiations between the two ministries. He specifically accused David Milgrom, the Treasury's budget chief, of "uncompromising and hard-headed positions." The Treasury has delayed cayments to make up the deficit in health tax collections. Maza claimed, and taken other measures to ensure that the national health insurance system fails.

In a letter to the premier. Matza and that months of negotiations with the Treasury have been wasted, as the Finance Ministry has "knowingly and with intent, trought about a deep crisis and the collegge of the health system. which will force us in the end to nationalize the health funds or to concel the National Health Insurance Law us an egalitarian

Two months ago. Matza presented the problems - including the NIS 1.3 billion deficit in the health

system and the failure to undate the basket of health services due to all residents - before Netanyahu, who asked him to formulate an agreement with the premier's representatives. But the Treasury has vetoed all proposals, Matza said, causing two months to be wasted, "and now we have lost 1997."

"The health system is deteriorating," Matza warned Sunday's meeting of the National Health Council. He noted that the intermediate period - during which an expanded basket of services was to be presented as an amendment to the National Health Insurance Law - is due to end in December.

The Treasury stands firmly against the Health Ministry's efforts to expand the basket of services, he added, and even wants to shrink the basket. The health system is at a crossroads," he said, "and we cannot ignore it."

Matza is expected to demand the restoration of the employers' parallel tax, which the Treasury abolished, even though it provided considerable funds for health services. In response, the Treasury spokesman said it "rejects all the Health Ministry's claims, and that to our sorrow, most of the data it gave are inaccurate and tenden-

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City of David, 1900 BCE to the 1996 "birthday"

Mobile eye-care clinic opens in the Negev

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By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Elderly Ethiopian immigrants in need of eye care will soon be able to get it from the Smetana and Alexander Katz Negev Project Vision Mobile Eye Clinic, being dedicated today at Beersheba's Yud Alef Community Center. The clinic is expected to meet the eye care needs of Negev residents who lack access to such services. It is opening with the participation of Ben-Gurion University and Kupat Holim Clalit, and is designed to provide outreach and social services.

The clinic is being established with the help of Project Vision, a US-based organization dedicated to eye care services around the world, particularly in Israel. Dr. Steven Kutner and Kevin King, both from Project Vision, are to attend today's dedication.

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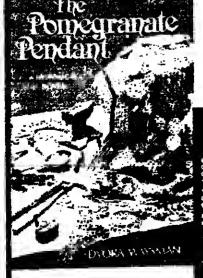
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